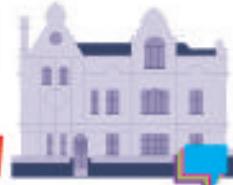


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Safety camera funding concerns

CCTV in Welshpool will have to be taken down unless it is given financial support by the police, a councilor has warned.

Welshpool Town Council currently funds and runs its own CCTV system and allows Dyfed-Powys Police to use it with help in investigations.

But Councillor Phil Pritchard said he wants to see a practice which happens with West Mercia Police copied across the border.

He said: "Sadly, times are hard and it is costly to keep up, especially with no funding forthcoming from the police.

"We never deny them access to it and it plays a vital part in their investigations but I do wonder sometimes if we could copy what happens across the border in Shrewsbury.

Their CCTV system is run by a safety partnership and every time the police need a copy of the CCTV to help they pay them £20, something like that should happen here.

"If it does not then it will be a matter of time until we say fine we will stop it now and give up running it."

The area's Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon said he would not be funding the CCTV system, but said if the council began charging for footage they would have to sit down and discuss it.

Restaurant set to bring jobs boost

UP to 60 jobs are expected to be created when a new bar and restaurant opens in Oswestry.

Michelin-starred chef Michael Caines will oversee The Townhouse in Willow Street which is expected to open in October or early November.

The Townhouse owners Mike Scott and Ollie Jackson said they were delighted to have the celebrity chef sharing his experience and expertise.

They said the new venture would put Oswestry on the food map. Mr Caines said he was delighted to bring the highest quality dining experience to Oswestry.

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Barber Box is a cut above the rest



Robin Langley shows off the modern interior of his mobile salon



Barber Robin outside his new Barbers Box mobile hair salon

A NEW fashion in haircuts has been created by barber Robin Langley.

For Robin is taking his skills out on the road with his own invention – Barber in a Box.

And he has already turned down the chance to appear on television series, Dragon's Den, which has expressed interest in his venture.

Mr Langley, who runs the Ego X hairdressers and barbers in Overton near Oswestry has teamed up with Corwen company Ifor Williams Trailers to produce a mobile unit, allowing men to have their hair cut and styled in locations such as shopping centres, supermarkets, colleges, industrial estates and festivals.

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He said: "We wanted to produce an ultra modern, clean and very stylish salon which can be transported to any location with ease and set up in minutes.

"Barbers Box is fitted out with stylish leather adjustable styling

chairs and LED illuminated mirrors. The walls are padded with fine leather and clients can relax and play gaming consoles while they wait in the custom built waiting area."

Already the purpose built mobile barber shop has generated a lot of interest including trial days at supermarket giant, Tesco and on retail parks and university campuses.

This week Mr Langley took it to the Moreton Park Garden Centre near Oswestry where men to enjoy a haircut while their partners shopped.

He said he was looking forward to rolling the franchise out across the country.

JUDGE WARNS PARTY THUGS

A JUDGE has warned members of a violent gang who gate-crashed a house party near Oswestry all options will be considered when they return to court for sentencing next month.

The five men, who had all denied violent disorder, were part of a group that attacked young people at the party at Maesbrook in December 2012.

A jury at Shrewsbury Crown Court convicted Sam Williams, 20, Huw Jones, 23, Huw-Glyn Jones, 19, Stafford Jones, 20, and Richard Rog-

ers, 19, on Monday following a week-long trial.

Williams and Huw Jones, both of Grungroog Hill, Welshpool, Huw-Glyn Jones, of Orchard Green, Llanymynech, and Stafford Jones, of Llanidloes Road, Newtown, had all denied the charge.

Rogers, of Bronwylfa Road, Welshpool, was also found guilty of dangerous driving in a blue Renault Clio and of being in possession of a wooden axe handle as an offensive weapon. He had denied all the allegations.

The court heard several young people were hospitalised and an estimated £1,800 of damage caused in what was described as "utter random and mindless violence" at the Maesbrook property.

The hearing was told five other defendants, Thomas Alan Herbert, 22, of Park Caradog, Trewern; Frankie John Jones, 19, of Marche Lane, Halfway House, and Welshpool men Joshua Parry, 21, of Gungrog Road; Ashley Pedrini, 19, of High Street and Ryan Hewell Griffiths, 23, of Croft Road, had admitted violent disorder at an earlier hearing.

Judge Peter Barrie adjourned sentence on all 10 defendants for reports until October and warned that all sentencing options would be considered by the court.

During the trial the jury heard that revellers at the party had fled and been forced to hide as the gang started to attack people at the house.

Witnesses said the group shouted "Welshpool" in a football style chant.

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Judge Peter Barrie

Council calls for licence rethink

STREET trading licences are hampering moves to bring more visitors to Oswestry, the town council has said.

Oswestry Town Council had a meeting with officials from Shropshire Council on Tuesday to discuss whether it could be given the power to issue street trading licences.

This could pave the way for the town's outdoor market to spill down from the Bailey Head into Bailey Street and for more events such as last weekend's continental market to take place.

At the moment Shropshire Council issues street trading licences while the town council manages the indoor and outdoor markets.

But town councillors are calling for Shropshire to delegate the issuing for licences to them.

Councillors have already expressed concern at commercial companies, such as 'Sky', being given permission to trade on Festival Square.

The chairman of the town council's markets and car parks committee, Councillor Cynthia Hawksley, said that by taking on the street licensing powers, the council could help more initiatives that were seen as making the town centre more attractive and viable.

Events such as the summer food festival and Oswestry Christmas Live sees thousands of people pour into the town.

Cycle racing stars meet up with fans

SPORTS fans enjoyed a treat when some of the world's top cyclists stayed overnight at an Oswestry hotel ahead of a stage of the Tour of Britain.

Among the stars staying at the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa resort at Gledrid were Sir Bradley Wiggins and Mark Renshaw.

The cyclists stayed over at the hotel before taking part in the tour's leg on Tuesday which took them around Mid Wales.

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First walking football contest comes to town

by Pam Kingsley

A SPORTS venue near Oswestry is to host Shropshire's first ever walking football competition.

The sport is growing in popularity among people, particularly older players, who prefer a slightly slower version of the world's Beautiful Game.

The walking football competition will be held next month and organisers say it is expected to attract dozens of people.

The charity competition on October 11 is being hosted by The Venue, Park Hall, which has its own weekly walking football club.

Shelly McGlinchey, health and active lifestyles coordinator at The New Saints Community Foundation, said she was looking forward to seeing more people getting involved with the sport.

"We are very excited to host this event and are encouraging people to invite as many friends as possible - the more the merrier."

"Even if you have not played football for a while or have never had the experience of walking football this is still for you, if you can walk you can play," she said.

"It looks to be a good day. All teams entered will receive complementary tickets to The New Saints' home game against Prestatyn Town, which will kick off at 2.30pm the same day.

"The day is being run as a charity event and all profits will go to local good causes."

The competition will run from 10am to 1pm with a break before the New Saints game. It is open to players aged from 35, with up to two players aged between 35 and 40 and up to six players being over 50.

Entry is £30 per team, with a maximum of eight players per team.

For more information contact (01691) 684840.

Restaurant will have top star appeal



Ollie Jackson, Michael Caines and Mike Scott

MICHELIN-STARRED chef Michael Caines is to oversee a new bar and restaurant in Oswestry.

The renowned chef will lend his expertise to The Townhouse in Willow Street which will open in October or early November.

The project is expected to create up to 60 jobs.

Revealing the news, The Townhouse owners Mike Scott and Ollie Jackson said the agreement will see Michael Caines Limited overseeing the appointment of key staff, kitchen design and layout, menu creation and

online reservation systems among other things. The venue will be known as "The Townhouse - A restaurant by Michael Caines".

Mr Scott and Mr Jackson said: "We are so pleased that Michael is sharing his experience and expertise with us to make The Townhouse a true dining destination here in Oswestry."

"We have created an amazing environment for dining and socialising and to have Michael and his team in charge of our restaurant just adds the final piece to the jigsaw."

"This is really big news for Oswestry

and we hope that it will be a massive boost for the town's restaurants as a Michael Caines restaurant will really put Oswestry on the food map."

Mr Caines said: "The Townhouse is a really exciting project to have become involved with. Our aim is to bring the highest quality dining experience to Oswestry to complement the fabulous surroundings that Mike and Ollie have created. It is really refreshing to open a restaurant of this nature away from a city, in a more rural location and we are sure that it will attract people from far and wide."

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Police in call on website design

DYFED Powys Police force is developing a new website and is asking residents to help choose the design.

Superintendent Chris Curtis said: "While we are still building the site we want to know what people think, for them to get involved and help choose the design of the homepage.

"We have three options to choose from.

"They all include the information that you would expect to see on a home page of an organisation's website. We are asking people to let us know which one they think looks the best from the first glance.

"We will then use the votes to help us pick the final design."

For details visit [www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/homepage-design-poll](http://dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/homepage-design-poll)

Brave boy airlifted with a broken leg

A BRAVE eight-year-old boy was airlifted to hospital with a broken leg after a farm gate fell on him.

The youngster, who has not been named, was flown to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after the accident in Whittington, near Oswestry on Sunday.

He was given advanced pain relief and a traction splint, and helicopter crews were so impressed by his bravery they took to Twitter to praise his strength of character.

The crews called him "the bravest eight-year-old".

Ladder stolen from a garden

THIEVES stole a ladder from a garden on the Powys/Shropshire border.

The ladder was stolen from outside a home in the Llanrhedyn-ym-Mochanant area, near Oswestry, between September 3 and Monday. Anyone who saw anything suspicious can call PC Mike Clark on 101.

Court hears how party erupted into violence

by Pam Kingsley

A COURT has heard how a pre-Christmas party thrown by a group of teenagers for their friends in a village near Oswestry turned into violence.

Judge Peter Barrie told Shrewsbury Crown Court what was supposed to be a fun night quickly descended into "utter random and mindless violence" when a gang of men arrived.

The gang gatecrashed the house party at Maesbrook, attacking the guests and causing £1,800 of damage as revellers fled and hid in terror.

Chloe Jones, who lives at Harvest Moon next to the Black Horse pub, had permission from her mother Amanda for the party on December 14.

It had been going well until about 10.30pm that night when the gang pulled up in three cars.

After smashing the windows of a yellow Fiat Punto on the drive, they then started punching and kicking partygoers.

Miss Laura Culley, prosecuting the men during the week-long trial, said there had been another fight earlier in the evening which had ended quickly.

Five men had previously admitted violent disorder.

Richard Rogers, 19, of Bronwylfa Road, Welshpool; Sam Williams, 20, and Huw Jones, 23, both of Grungrog Hill, Welshpool; Huw-Glyn Jones, 19, of Orchard Green Llanymynech, and Stafford Jones, 20, of Llanidloes Road, Newtown, were found guilty by the jury on Monday.

Rogers was also found guilty of dangerous driving and of possessing an axe handle as a weapon. Sentencing was adjourned until October.

Peter Danby, one of the people behind the work, said some of the sections had been closed for years and this new path could attract more people to take walking holidays.

Mr Danby said: "We're really pleased with how it has gone and hopefully it will attract a few more people to take walking holidays."

They all received eight month prison sentences, suspended for two years, and were placed on a two month curfew. The two Walkers and Abraham were ordered to pay £600 prosecution costs and Foster £200.

Singer's date at village hall

SINGER and musician Alan Herbert will be returning to Marton Village Hall tomorrow (Friday) from 8pm.

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NEWS

Building firm gets fine of £10k for fall at park

By Andrew Morris

A BUILDING firm from Welshpool has been fined £10,000 after a man broke his back after falling from a leisure park roof.

SJ Roberts Construction Ltd put its workers' lives at risk when it was principal contractor for the installation of a new flume tower and swimming pool extension at a leisure park in Skegness.

The 36-year-old man, who was working for sub-contractors Seaton Heating and Engineering Services Ltd of Tamworth, was working on the roof of Southview Leisure Park's swimming pool extension, which was accessed by internal stairs, connecting the various ducts and pipes with the air-handling unit. Lincoln Magistrates Court heard that most of the roof was protected but a section was left exposed, presenting a fall risk.

While working on March 8, 2013, the man, who is from Kettlebrook, Tamworth, was standing on a narrow plywood area around half a metre wide, close to the open edge.

His route to the stairs was blocked when he needed to go and collect some tools. While walking along the plywood next to the open edge, the plywood gave way and he fell four metres. He landed on his feet but then fell backwards, landing on concrete and rubble.

He spent five days in hospital and needed a back brace when discharged. He had to stay at his parents' house for six weeks and was unable to work for more than three months. He has since recovered and is now back fully working.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) carried out an investigation and prosecuted the two companies.

SJ Roberts Construction admitted breaching two Regulations of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007. The company was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay costs of £645.60.

Seaton Heating and Engineering Services admitted breaching the Work at Height Regulations 2005 and was fined £7,000 and ordered to pay costs of £519.60.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Chris Copeman said: "This worker is very fortunate not to have suffered far more serious injuries.

"Throughout the whole process of roof work, there was no adequate protection against falls, such as barriers on the open edge.

"Had he tripped and fallen from the edge of the roof, we could have been dealing with a fatal incident."

Mr Copeman said both firms had put workers' lives in danger by allowing them to work on a roof without safety measures.

Pantomime looking for help



Panto members Jean Owen, Rosemary Hughes and Pat Owens with some of the costumes

BUDDING performers and essential backstage crew are needed to join a pantomime group on its journey with Robinson Crusoe this autumn.

Chirk Pantololics is looking for more actors, singers, dancers, musicians, stagehands and wardrobe assistants to help with its production of the classic shipwreck tale, which will be staged at Chirk Town Hall from February 17 to 21.

The group has been putting on pantos since 1993 and is inviting anyone who would like to see what goes on behind the scenes to help out as part of the cast and crew.

Pat Owens, group chairwoman, said: "Pantololics has a number of youngsters and adults of all ages who take part as cast, dancers or back stage and in support roles. This year we're looking for new volunteers, especially to be wardrobe manager and for musicians."

"We have an extensive range of costumes in storage but every year new ones are needed to be purchased or made. We're looking for someone who would be interested in doing this and organising costumes for the chorus and principals."

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Measures put forward to counter noise worries

by Sue Austin

SPECIAL measures will be put in place in a bid to reduce noise problems and anti-social behaviour at a music festival this weekend.

Residents in Llanfyllin say they are fearing the worst ahead of the Dirty Weekend Festival which will take place at Y Dolydd Workhouse.

It comes after a number of other, unconnected, events saw problems with noise levels and trespassing raised with Dyfed-Powys Police and Powys County Council.

Now the town's County Councillor Peter Lewis and Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies have vowed to pass on complaints to the police and council if residents are too afraid to do so themselves.

But trustees for the building preservation trust, raising funds to restore the historic Victorian workhouse, say they have put special measures in place that should curb infringement of noise restrictions.

Councillor Lewis said: "This weekend's festival has already caused controversy amongst concerned residents. This follows complaints from previous festivals of excessive noise, trespassing, and other issues."

"We have talked to the trustees and I know that they are looking at the future and how events can go forward."

Mr Davies added: "It is really important that residents voice their concerns and report any complaints which may occur, in order for incidents of this nature to be targeted at future events."

Residents can contact the council or police direct or if they prefer can contact me or Peter so we can then pass on any concerns to the relevant authority."

An emergency meeting of the Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust was held after complaints about recent behaviour by festival goers.

A spokesman said: "The trust would like to apologise for the less than satisfactory behaviour of certain individuals who attended the recent event."

"To address these matters we have put in place a number of measures to curb infringements of our noise restrictions and to keep events within the boundaries of the workshop."

"This is the last event we are holding this summer and we have had lengthy discussions with the organisers to ensure they are familiar with our noise and behaviour requirements and have arranged Health and Safety Executive officers to come in and monitor and stipulate acceptable, legal noise levels."

The spokesman added a meeting has also been scheduled to discuss future events policy and to put into place an events team with fixed roles in order to prevent any recurrence of problems.

Amanda Griffkin, manager of Powys Dance, said: "The idea for the project was inspired by the recognition of the Elan Valley and Brecon Beacons as being great places to view the stars."

"We thought that the stars could be compared to our dancers."

"This will give dancers from across the county the opportunity to work on this piece with some of the most exciting talent working in dance, music and film."

Charity shop staff members Tracey Roberts, Frankie Storey and Fay Price

Fancy dress fundraiser



Charity shop staff members Tracey Roberts, Frankie Storey and Fay Price

CHARITY workers put on their glad rags as they threw a fancy dress party in their shop to raise funds and awareness for British Heart Foundation.

Staff at the shop in Cross Street in Oswestry offered free refreshments during the party, which was celebrating the launch of the annual Bag It - Beat It appeal.

Tracey Roberts, 38, shop manager, said: "We'd be so grateful if people could help us with the Bag It - Beat It campaign."

"We can provide you with the posters, bags, donation points - everything you'll need."

She said she was also hoping to use the

launch party as a way to encourage more volunteers to help in the shop.

"It looks great on a CV, and we also offer our volunteers the opportunity to do a level three NVQ in customer care, totally free of charge," she said.

Heather Ridgley, 17, one of the shop's volunteers, said: "It's a really great place to work. All the people here are very friendly and the customers are lovely. Of course it looks good on your CV, but that's not the only reason I do it. I really recommend it."

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TOWN

The pound and any stocks with a link to Scotland fell sharply this week when an opinion poll pointed to a surge in support for Scottish independence.

And I fear that may just be the start of bad news for us all on the England/Wales border should next week's poll give full independence to our northern cousins.

The increased chances of a Yes vote fuelled jitters over the impact that a break-up will have for banks and other companies with major operations in Scotland, as well as for economic stability.

A yes vote will see Wales pitched into a bidding war over funding arrangements from Westminster, which could possibly turn out to be good news.

The Welsh Government currently complains funding is unfairly allocated in Scotland's favour.

On the other hand a No vote could be bad news with Mr Cameron's team clearly spooked by the most recent opinion poll and promising more powers. That would mean additional funds for north of the border which have to come from somewhere.

That's more cuts for both Shropshire and Powys.

Wales will certainly demand sweeping changes if Scotland does break away including the devolving of policing and would that even stretch as far as seeking independence too?

Would it become more difficult to visit our Celtic cousins?

If Labour leader Ed Miliband has his way it probably will, last week he hinted at border guards and passport checks – imagine that if you will.

The reality is that Scotland would most likely be included in the Common Travel Area which is currently operated in Ireland and requires minimal travel identification.

Personally I'd be voting a big fat "No" if I lived north of the border because as an outsider looking in First Minister Alex Salmond's plans look ill conceived and riddled with ambiguity.

What really wound me up this week was trying to cancel an internet service provider's contract.

Have you ever noticed that when you press the button taking you to the section that deals with contract cancellations you drop into a long queue and very often your call is not even answered?

It's clever business but does very little to change the customer's mind – until that is you finally get an answer and surprise, surprise there just happens to be a special offer available.

Happy days, thanks BT I'm staying with you.



The Grade I listed St Mary's Church in Chirk is a landmark property in the heritage area



The new boundaries will give further protection to properties such as the historic Chirk Castle



Chirk Parish Hall is one of the buildings inside the heritage area

WORKING
FOR YOU

Glyn Davies MP

At present British politics is totally dominated by the referendum on Scottish Independence being held next week, on September 18.

I wrote about this issue last week, but it's still dominating my mind, freezing out all else. It's the biggest political issue of my lifetime.

The vote is about bringing an end to the United Kingdom after 307 years.

Even though it will affect us all, none of the readership of the Oswestry and Border Chronicle will have a vote.

Until recently I refused to believe the Scottish people could possibly support this dramatic change.

But recent polls suggest that they might. Two hundred years ago such a question would have been decided by war, the historic natural extension of political debate.

At least we have moved on from that. Anyway, I've decided to write about referendums again this week.

Referendums are certainly a better way of sorting out major constitutional questions than war, but they are still seriously flawed.

Votes are often cast on completely unrelated issues. Much is made of protecting the NHS from a Westminster Government, when the NHS has actually been wholly devolved to the Scottish Parliament for 15 years.

And Scottish voters will be going to the polls not knowing what currency they would use, what the relationship with the European Union would be or what would happen to the huge economy which revolves around Faslane. And a whole lot more besides.

My opinion is that a vote for an independent Scotland would be utterly disastrous, including for Wales.

Another referendum which is looming large is that on the UK's membership of the European Union.

Britain leaving the European Union would be a massive constitutional decision too, but as big as the end of the United Kingdom which could be decided next week.

That decision would not be reversible.

Town's heritage area all set for extension

Plans will protect Chirk's much loved buildings for the future. PAM KINGSLEY reports on the changes

HISTORIC buildings, a viaduct and an aqueduct will all be protected for future generations to enjoy after being included in a town's newly-expanded heritage area.

A Thomas Telford-designed aqueduct, 31 Grade II and II* buildings, the Grade I listed church of St Mary, two scheduled ancient monuments and a world heritage site will all form part of the heritage area in Chirk.

Due to the number of historic buildings within the area, members of Wrexham County Borough Council's planning committee have agreed to extending the boundary of the area to the south from Castle Road as far as the Shropshire border to include Chirk viaduct and aqueduct.

Extension

The idea is that all buildings and sites within the boundaries drawn up which reflect the history of the town will be protected from future development. They include Chirk Castle, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Chirk Town Hall and the Hand Hotel.

Councillors have agreed to the extension and have already indicated that the heritage area could be extended further in the future to include the area around Chirk Mill.

The town itself has its origins in the 12th century, with the remains of an earthwork castle found above the Ceiriog Valley and through the south wall of St Mary's Church. Chirk was granted bor-



Chirk's aqueduct and viaduct attract visitors all year round

ough status in 1324, but was devastated in the 15th century during the Glyndŵr rebellion.

Following this, the town grew slowly again, with the majority of the buildings in the town dating from the late 18th century.

A document prepared for councillors outlining the heritage plans stated: "The inclusion of the Grade II* listed structures is in recognition of the strong historical connections between Chirk town and the Pontcysyllte aqueduct and canal world heritage site.

In addition, the two structures create a most impressive sense of arrival into the conservation area and add significantly to the historic interest of the town."

The boundary would also be extended eastwards to include Brynkinalt Lodge and gates. The lodge dates back to the

17th century and has been home to the Trevor family since it was built.

Finally it would be extended to the west along Station Avenue and Castle Road to take in part of the town which represents a later phase in the development of the town.

Changes would also be made to the boundary in Castle Walk, where several houses which have been recently built inside the previous boundary would be de-designated.

Local residents were invited to comment on the plans and Anne Lloyd Morris suggested this site should be added to the area designated for preservation.

She said: "The area around the mill and either side of the A5 up from the dip into Chirk is an area of architectural and historic interest whose character and appearance is worthy of presentation and enhancement. The A5 itself is

historic and the River Ceiriog and the river meadows between the A5 and aqueduct and viaduct may have been a site of historic battle.

"There is a special feel to this area and it is a spectacular gateway into Chirk."

The conservation area covers residential and commercial buildings, with pubs, the town hall and a carpet salesroom - formerly the National Girls' School - all included alongside a terrace of estate workers' homes dating to 1820 and the many Edwardian two-story houses which are built along Station Road.

With the proposed extension of the heritage area Wrexham Council will also be looking at ways to enhance the area. Some of these will be straightforward, such as retaining trees and carrying out new developments in an appropriate way.

Original

Other suggestions will be more time consuming and costly, including the reinstatement of lost features on some buildings, and the use of local materials and traditional methods when carrying out restoration and repair work.

The council has said it would like to see original shop frontages restored along Church Street whenever possible and improved signage to the world heritage site and Chirk town centre.

A council spokesman said: "The extension of the conservation area focuses on the main historic routes into town - Station Avenue, Castle Road and Station Road - which have a unifying architectural character. The large area excluded from the extension was mostly developed in the later 20th century.

"Our aim is to improve the general quality of the conservation area and build upon the area's historic and architectural character. It's hoped that by doing this we can develop a more attractive environment which will help support the existing community, businesses and visitors to Chirk."

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As you can see, the calculation for your situation is not entirely straightforward, but the solicitor handling the sale for you will easily be able to work it out.

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Evidence brings us hope of eternity

EVOLUTION – Fact or Fiction?

WJ Coles writes in favour of evolution and relegates the fear of God to the realms of pagan idolatry. One can only understand such a view in the context of wanting an alternative to the respect and service of God.

Neither the writer nor anyone else before or since Darwin has ever seen one form of life change into another one. Hundreds of thousands of different species are all unique and different from each other.

The complete absence (apart from two hoaxes which took in the scientific community) of missing links was even stated by Darwin as a difficulty with his theory. This absence is a hole in the theory so large as to prevent belief in it unless you are prepared to gloss over the problem.

The survival of the fittest is not evolution or science. It's a simple fact that adverse circumstances will cause many to die and only strong specimens survive. But to believe that they go on to turn into something else is a fairy tale since there is no evidence for it in living or fossil forms.

Neither does evolution present its believers with hope. The only hope the evolutionist holds is that science will bring longer life.

There is evidence for God and His purpose and this brings hope to those who turn to Him.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

Evidence of NHS decline

TWO readers referred to the destruction of the NHS (Shropshire Star, August 25), but it should be pointed out that this was inevitable when the EU was formed. All member states must be equal; no other nation has a comparable NHS. To set up an NHS would be prohibitively expensive, therefore our NHS must be broken up.

This became apparent when neo-natal facilities were reduced or withdrawn and midwives began to be privatised, some years ago.

AJ ASTLEY
Ellesmere

The true cost of turbine power

IN the latest round of the Great Turbine Debate, it has been said wind turbines are "cheaper and quicker" than other renewables.

The wind itself is, of course.

But the costs start escalating well before it hits the blades of the turbines, which are built outside the UK at huge cost.

While lucrative deals are negotiated with landowners and conventional energy suppliers, all based on the consumer paying in the end, the turbines then have to be imported and moved overland, then installed at further

massive expense, including that of the cabling infrastructure to connect them to the national grid.

With everything in place, the blades start turning, but not when the wind is absent or blowing too hard.

The overall result is a power supply which costs far more to produce, in subsidies and running costs, than its yield in monetary terms. In the initial rush to scatter turbines like confetti across our fair land, we were assured they would slash electricity bills.

At the last count the cost of turbines was revealed as adding £125 (on average) to each and every electricity bill in the land.

Billions wasted already. And all in the name of ecological beliefs on which scientific opinion is sharply divided.

It would be marginally cheaper to construct a huge bonfire and burn our money on that, instead of pursuing this utterly discredited renewable source of power.

The only thing renewal about it is that we all have to continue paying for it.

SAM EVANS
Oswestry

All smiles as patients get open air care



Handwritten on the back of this unsent postcard showing patients in open air beds at Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen is: "Jack Jones, Harry Lord, Godfrey Woof (the handwriting is uncertain but it looks like Woof), Norman Jones. Wd 4. 1929." This photo is from an album in the possession of Mrs Jean Roe, of Broseley.

Thanks for great care at hospital

THE NHS often receives criticism, some of which is probably justified.

Recently I received a new knee replacement at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen.

I can categorically say that the treatment I received could not have been bettered.

From the operating theatre staff, the recovery unit and the ward nurses and auxiliary staff, my treatment was of the highest standard.

The hospital was spotlessly clean and the food was very good. The well-being of all the patients was their priority at all times.

MRS KATHRYN ROBINSON
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The pressure is on to know your numbers

I'M writing to appeal to your readers to get involved in Blood Pressure UK's Know Your Numbers! Week from September 15 to 21. A shocking eight million people in the UK are at risk of a stroke or heart attack because of their blood pressure.

We're asking everyone to take a moment to visit one of Blood Pressure UK's pressure stations during the week to have a blood pressure test and know their numbers. If left unchecked and not dealt with, high blood pressure can lead to a heart attack or a stroke.

Visit www.bloodpressureuk.org/kyn to see where your nearest Pressure Station is located and to find out more information on Know Your Numbers! Week.

KATHARINE JENNER
Chief Executive Officer, Blood Pressure UK

Concerned at level of experiments

LIKE thousands of others around the country, I am deeply concerned that the number of animal experiments in Britain is continuing to rise, despite the availability of alternatives.

Home Office statistics reveal that over 4 million animals were subjected to cruel and unnecessary tests last year.

More advanced scientific methods are available now than ever before, yet the number of animal experiments keeps rising – despite a government pledge to reduce animal use. It's a national disgrace and the public deserves to know why.

JAN CREAMER
President,
National Anti-
Vivisection Society

Central base for NHS care is needed

THE National Health Service is for all British citizens, borders are irrelevant.

I recall promises made during 2011 consultations that our A&Es were safe and also the poor recompense for losing women's and children's services when they promised a refurbished women's zone, midwives and paediatric assessment units ready for July 2011 now shelved.

I agree with Joy Jones.

It is essential that health services should be central in fairness to all Salopians and Powys, even more so when the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital is surrounded by the largest population focussed area in Shropshire.

Most of Shropshire have no nearby hospitals, travel long distance on rural roads just to reach Shrewsbury, adding 20 miles to long journeys is dangerous and unacceptable.

Health services moved to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford will benefit the West Midlands region but is detrimental to most Salopians.

A significant number of people from Powys need these services, they have no hospital and are a major contributor to the trust's funds.

The inequality of charging for prescriptions and parking is due to our own Government and nothing to do with Powys.

MAUREEN PARRY
Ford

Meddling in Ukraine

THE European Union is discussing the Ukraine/Russia border dispute in Brussels.

The EU has a 50-year-old record of getting things wrong, seriously wrong, things like single currencies, exchange rates, immigration control and democratic government.

Brussels' first brilliant move was to apply sanctions on Russia. Sanctions would you believe that will damage the EU economies more than Russia's.

We must pray that the situation does not descend into armed conflict.

BOB WYDELL
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Robin the Busker entertained at the canal festival



A variety of entertainment was on offer at the festival



Visitors came from near and far to enjoy a variety of stalls



Karen Walters from the Canal and River Trust at the festival



Sue Dolman from Dyed In The Wool gave fabric looming lessons

Festival a success

HUNDREDS of people flocked to the Maesbury Canal Festival near Oswestry at the weekend to enjoy an event with a difference.

The festival had stalls, demonstrations, sideshows, swingboat rides, food and live entertainment.

Despite grey clouds hovering overhead, the rain stayed away and organisers had hundreds of visitors to the biennial event.

A horse-drawn canal boat, built for the Shropshire Union Canal, was also in attendance, giving visitors the opportunity to travel back in time

by Sophie Madden

and enjoy a trip along a newly-restored stretch of the waterway which reopened this year.

The event attracted narrowboat enthusiasts and day trippers alike from all over the country as well as locals and there was something for everyone this year.

There were a wide variety of stalls including 'canal art', plants, wine tasting, jams and pickles. There were also cake stalls, cheese stands and woodcraft.

Several stall holders were on hand to demonstrate their various crafts, with their skills rang-

ing from peg looming and weaving to rag rugs and web belt making.

Children were able to make a musical instrument with the Llanymynech Folk Group or learn blacksmithing techniques with Stokes of England.

There was also a Wild over Waterways (WOW) area for children, where they could make crafts, have a go at papercraft, make door plaques and lace plates and even craft foghorns.

WOW co-ordinator Dawn Aylwin said: "This year the event went really smoothly. The stall holders were brilliant and it was really, really good. Our car parks were full"



Richard Stephenson gave wood work demonstrations

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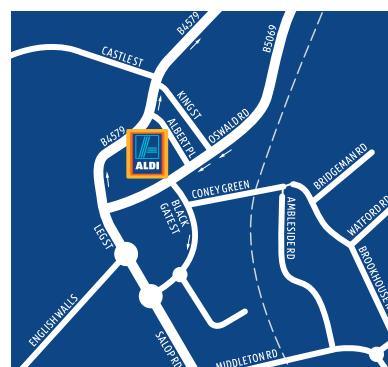
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Recitals series is marking milestone

A recital series which brought musicians to perform in Shropshire is celebrating the launch of its 25th season this week.

The first performance in the Oswestry School Recital Series will be on Saturday when pianist John Lill will play a selection of classical pieces.

Series director Christopher Symons said: "It is 25 years since this award-winning series began following the purchase of the old Bechstein grand piano for the Peter Humphreys Centre."

He added: "For our 25th anniversary series I have decided to look back retrospectively in acknowledgement of some of the great musicians who have performed here before and who have helped to create what we now enjoy. Not least of these is the wonderful John Lill, whom we can now surely regard as a real friend of the series."

Tickets for this and all other concerts in the series cost £18 with full-time students and children half price. All concerts will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Roff Street, Oswestry, beginning at 7.30pm.

For more information, call (01691) 681135.

Chief's crime report pledge

by Wayne Beese

POLICE in Shropshire take notice of every crime reported to them, the county's police commissioner has vowed.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Bill Longmore was speaking after a report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

The watchdog claimed forces were "decriminalising" some offences and expressed fears police were giving up investigating some crimes.

It said in some cases the public were being asked to turn detective and look for CCTV and fingerprint evidence themselves before officers would come out to see them.

The report also found some victims were being asked to interview neighbours or even check second-hand websites to see whether their stolen property had been listed for sale.

Reassurance

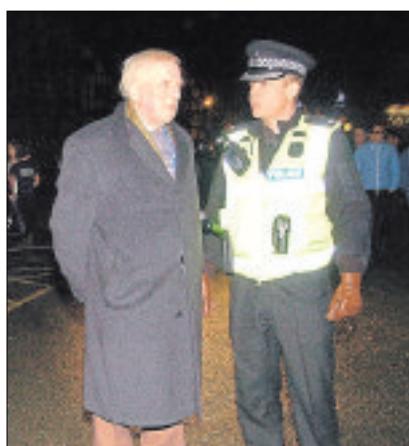
Mr Longmore, speaking to our sister paper the Shropshire Star, said: "Everything is not perfect, we do receive one or two letters from members of the public in respect of police officers not attending. I have had recently to go out to see someone in Church Stretton to reassure them."

"But in relation to crime the force records 100 per cent of all crimes reported."

"They go through our control centre and then through to what is known as the crime bureau."

"We ask the victim a series of questions in relation to the crime that has been reported."

"With some of these crimes there is clearly no means of investigation at that time. Some are reported and no further



Bill Longmore with Superintendent James Tozer

action is required at that time. The victim is always told that is the case and in most cases they are happy with that. It might be because there is no CCTV, no witnesses, no chance of any forensic evidence."

"It would be situations where we would actually be wasting resources to send someone along."

"We are also aware that some people who have rung the police expect a visit, particularly people who are vulnerable. If they need a visit we will send a police officer."

"To say we are not investigating certain crimes is very far from the truth. As soon as a crime is recorded and reported there is an investigation taking place."

He said: "All of our officers are briefed on a daily basis and reports of crimes are committed in their neighbourhoods are passed on to them."

"We encourage PCs and PCSOs, while they are out on patrol, to have knock on the door of people who have reported crimes to us and have a chat with them."

"We are arresting suspects on a daily basis and in some cases we can then link them back to previous offences and cases that have been reported to us."

"On a daily basis our officers are carrying out checks with scrap merchant dealers, jewellers, pawnbrokers and the like with the aim of recovering stolen property," he added.

The police chief has come under fire



Oswestry Police Station's front counter service has closed

from councillors for his decision to close public counters at police stations in Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Wem, Wellington and Whitchurch.

A motion was due to be discussed by Wellington Town Council this week urging the commissioner to rethink the cost-cutting plans and restore the service.

But Mr Longmore said that would not happen and that police were already looking at other ways to engage with the public.

"As I have already said, only 4.3 people on average visit Wellington police station every day," he said.

"We cannot justify having somebody

sitting there for quite a few hours every day, just waiting for somebody to come in."

"However, I do strongly believe in the importance of the police having a good liaison and rapport with the public and we obviously have to look at other ways we can do that."

"We have seen a big improvement in getting our officers out onto the beat."

He added he had suggested holding surgeries, arranging a date and time for people to go and speak to an officer.

"So I can't say we are going to reopen them. But what I can say is we are exploring other ways of communicating with the public which will hopefully be more effective."

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NEWS
in brief

Farmers asked to help crop survey

MID Wales farmers are being urged to help answer important questions about the 2014 harvest before the end of the month.

The survey of combinable crops, which is available at www.nfu-cymru.org.uk, is the first source of published data on UK crop production levels for this year.

The survey aims to get as full a picture as possible of the wheat crop by mid-September and the year's harvest of combinable crops to date.

Big screen films are back in town

Big screen films have returned to Welshpool for the first time since its cinema closed last year.

The Flicks in the Sticks organisation is bringing the movies to Welshpool Assembly Room and started with the feel-good comedy *Kinky Boots* on Monday.

Welshpool's only cinema, the Pola, closed in June.

MP backs plans over bovine TB

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has endorsed plans for tackling the spread of bovine TB. He said: "I endorse this comprehensive new strategy based on a combined programme of targeted culling and vaccination."

Police posed with boy racers, meeting is told

by Andrew Morris

POLICE officers called to deal with boy racers who are terrifying elderly residents posed for "selfies" with them instead, it has been claimed.

Up to 35 boy racers a night are gathering in Welshpool town centre and "terrifying" local residents.

But when the police were called to deal with them at 3am, the officers shook hands with the culprits and posed for the selfie photographs which were later uploaded to social media site Facebook, it has been claimed.

The claim was made by town councillor Estelle Blievas at a meeting the town council held with Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon.

The pictures have since been removed from the internet, Councillor Blievas said, but she demanded an explanation as to why the officers posed for the pictures.

She said: "I am a former teacher and if you reprimanded a pupil you did not shake their hand and pose for a photograph, you told them off."

"I am told by a resident who called the police at about 3am the other day that when the officers arrived they spoke to the boy racers and then the boys got their phones out."

"They asked the officers to pose in photographs with them, shaking hands and the officers did it."

"They were then uploaded to Facebook and sadly they were taken down before I could obtain a copy to bring and show everyone here tonight."

"It is not good enough, something needs to be done about the perceived relationship between police and offenders in the town."

Mr Salmon said he would look into the issue and will be providing a written report to save £70million by 2020.

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Revamp planned by town council

PARTS of Welshpool could be regenerated to bring the town up to date.

The area around Hopkins Passage, Hall Street, Boot Street and Puzzle Square in Welshpool could be transformed by the town council.

The council has agreed to spend £1,000 on an architect who will now prepare a preliminary scheme which the council hopes will be funded by grant aid.

Councillor Phil Pritchard said he hoped the work would result in the area looking as good as New Street.

He said: "If we get this up and running and get the area looking as good as some of the other areas of town then it will make a real difference."

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Opinions on libraries plea

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Store boss raises charity cash



Matt Costello, manager of Welshpool Morrisons

TWO supermarket managers have swapped their office suits for vests and trainers to raise more than £1,000 by competing in the Great North Run at the weekend.

Matt Costello, who works at Morrisons in Berriew Street, Welshpool, completed half marathon on Sunday in one hour, 53 minutes and three seconds in support of the Sue Ryder charity, which is Morrisons' national charity partner.

Jamie Davies, manager at Morrisons in Oswestry, completed the race in two hours 22 minutes and 45 seconds.

Before the race staff at both shops held events and collections to bring in more money.

Matt said: "It was a brilliant but tiring experience, there are no other words to describe it. I've enjoyed raising money for Sue Ryder and I'd like to thank all my friends, family, colleagues and customers for their support."

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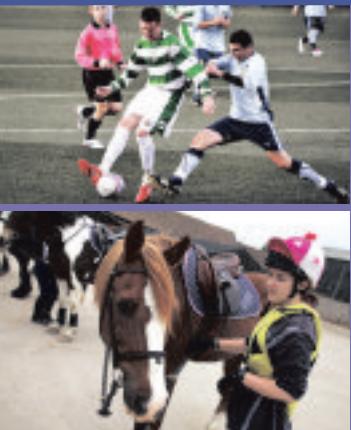
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Contrast in biker fatalities statistics

SHROPSHIRE'S roads are becoming safer for motorcyclists while death rates across the border in Mid and North Wales soar.

For the past three years in Telford & Wrekin there have been no fatalities involving motorbike riders, with the number of serious injuries dropping from six in 2012 and in 2013 to five in the first eight months of 2014.

The rest of the county has also seen its figures drop, with four fatalities in 2012, three in 2013 and just one so far this year. The number of serious injuries has also fallen, dropping from 33 in 2012 to 32 in 2013 and 16 this year.

The figures are in stark contrast to those over the Shropshire/Wales border, which have seen a sharp rise, prompting a plea from the chief constables of North Wales and Dyfed Powys Police for riders to take more care.

Numbers of bikers killed and seriously injured in both the Dyfed-Powys and north Wales police areas have been rising for the past three years. There have been 11 motorcyclists killed and nine seriously injured in the Dyfed-Powys Police area so far this year and a further five killed and 63 seriously injured in North Wales.

Consultation launched over academy proposal

A PRIMARY school that was removed from special measures earlier this year looks set to become an academy after its sponsored academy conversion application was approved by council bosses.

Plans for Holy Trinity CE Primary School in Oswestry have now entered into a stakeholder consultation period running until September 26.

Shropshire Council and the school's Interim Executive Board approached The Marches Multi-Academy Trust to ask for it to sponsor Holy Trinity CE Primary School's application to become an academy. The application has now been approved, and during the consultation period parents, teachers and other interested parties will be asked their views on the proposed conversion.

If the plans are fully approved, the school will join The Marches Academy Trust, based at The Marches school on the other side of Oswestry, as a sponsored academy.

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for children's services, said: "We are delighted that Holy Trinity CE Primary School is now out of special measures. Council officers have been working with the Interim Executive Board and senior leaders of the school to take the school forward and focus on key priorities."

"We are confident that Holy Trinity is fully committed to building on the very rapid progress that has already been made under the leadership of the new headteacher and the board, and that the school will go from strength to strength within the Marches Trust."

The school is currently under the control of the Interim Executive Board and headteacher, Pam Edwards.

Mrs Edwards said: "We are looking forward to exploring and developing the benefits of the two schools working together."

Sarah Longville, executive headteacher of The Marches Academy Trust, said she felt becoming part of the group would help Holy Trinity improve further.

Peter Angelides, managing director at Abacare, said: "As well as caring for people in their homes we're also able to care for people in student housing or halls of residence."

"It's extremely important that undergraduates and college students maintain their independence while studying away from home so we can provide any care they might need. We will be able to create a specific care plan and plan our care worker's visits around their lesson plans."

Rod gears up for 100-mile ride



Rod Evans will be riding in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance

A man from St Martins is taking on a 100-mile challenge as he hits the road for charity.

Inspired by his grandmother who would have turned 100 this year, 36-year-old Rod Evans is set to leave Ellesmere on a 100-mile ride to Abergavenny.

"She always used to give money to the air ambulance each birthday, so I thought this year I could raise some money for the charity myself," he said.

But the social media and marketing officer leaves his home in Cherry Tree Drive every weekend for a 50-mile bike ride, so he's sure he's ready for the next challenge.

And after originally setting himself a target of raising £250 for the West Midlands Air Ambulance Service, he's thrilled to be raising the bar even higher.

He said: "I've smashed the fundraising goal already so I'm hoping now that I can raise about £500."

He will be leaving Ellesmere town centre at 7.30am on September 13. To sponsor him call 07792 024007.

NEWS in brief

Church to host proms evening

A church in Shropshire will be filled with the sound of music when a proms evening is held this weekend.

The event will take place in St Mary's Church in Ellesmere on Saturday at 7.30pm.

Ellesmere College Choral Society will join forces with Oswestry Sinfonia to host the event in aid the church and Age UK North Shropshire Supporters.

Tickets cost £10 and include a welcome glass of wine or juice. Drinks will also be on sale in the interval. Tickets can be bought from Mike Spurdens on (01691) 622201 or from the Boathouse in Ellesmere.

Two are injured in A483 accident

TWO people had to be cut from their car after a crash on a main road in Mid Wales.

The A483 road was gridlocked for some time between Newtown and Dolfor after the accident on Saturday.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service crews from Newtown and Montgomery attended the scene just before 1pm, where two people had to be cut from their vehicle and placed on spines boards.

They were taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital by ambulance, but there were no details of the severity of their injuries.



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Kevin Haywood shows off his truck's amazing airbrushed artwork



Dave Glover and Thomas Jennings with a Rounza Mercedes Benz truck



Jack P. Shepherd, who plays Coronation Street's David Platt, with fans

SHOW'S BIG SUCCESS



Coronation Street stars Georgia May Foote and Jack P. Shepherd were VIP guests



Georgia May Foote joins in with a fan's selfie



Matthew Roberts and Kerry Clayton polishing their Daf XF105

MORE than 350 trucks, a host of soap stars, and thousands of revellers descended on Oswestry over the weekend for the Shropshire Truck Show.

Returning to the Oswestry Showground after a brief stint at Shrewsbury's West Midlands Showground, organisers have hailed this year's event as a huge success.

Organiser Jason Lunn said early indications show more than 13,000 people turned out to enjoy this year's spectacle.

This year's show on both Saturday and Sunday featured hundreds of trucks, a display of classic vehicles, a display of recovery vehicles, a fun fair and a main action arena with displays from popular motorcycle display team the White Helmets.

By Sophie Madden

Special guests at this year's show included Eastenders actor Jamie Lomas who plays Jake Stone and Coronation Street actors Georgia May Foote, who plays Katy Armstrong, and Jack P. Shepherd, who plays David Platt.

Mr Lunn said: "We don't know exactly how many people came but we think it is around the 13,000 mark."

"We're really pleased with the attendance, if we get over 12,000 people we're very happy and it looks like we have, based on the initial figures. It's really good and we're particularly pleased to be back in Oswestry."

Mr Lunn said he was already looking forward to next year's event - set to be back at the Oswestry Showground.

He said he was already looking at which celebrities he could get next year.



Vicky Harris with daughter Libby enjoy the entertainment



Matthew Evans in his luxurious Scania R Series cab



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An independent retailer trading in Oswestry for more than six years has made a move to new premises, benefiting from street level access and a fresh new look. When the opportunity came along to relocate, Amanda Marsden - Director of Amanda's Bedroom Centre, described the chance to become a more accessible retailer as 'a step in the right direction' during a period of growth for Oswestry, which will enable the business to serve a much wider audience.

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Council warned on selling off assets

CASH-STRAPPED Powys County Council must not be allowed to sell off assets to meet its funding shortfall, a leading Plaid Cymru member has warned.

David Thomas from Llanwddyn says people are entitled to a "certain level of basic social and recreational provision".

The council wants people to get involved in workshops on the issue, starting at Y Plas, Machynlleth, on September 24. The Flash leisure centre, Welshpool, September 26, Monty Club, Newtown, September 29, Knighton Community Centre October 3 and The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells October 6.

Farm strikes gold in food awards

A FARM in Mid Wales is celebrating after striking gold twice in the 2014 Great Taste Awards.

Neuadd Fach Baconry, Llandinam, won the coveted gold award, organised annually by the Guild of Fine Food, for its breakfast gammon and oak smoked bacon.

Both are produced from pigs grown and cured by Lynda and Ithyl Brown on the family farm in Llandinam and then smoked at Little Cefn Farm, Hyssington, Churchstoke.

This year saw 10,000 entries.

Village to get crossing in a matter of months

By Iain St John

A PEDESTRIAN crossing should be installed at an accident blackspot near Gobowen school by the end of this financial year, highways bosses have confirmed.

Residents of the village who have campaigned for more than a year for the safety improvement on St Martins Road said they were disappointed the crossing had not been put in place in time for children going back to school.

But they vowed to keep the pressure on Shropshire Council to ensure the crossing is built as soon as possible.

Dozens of families have to take their life in their hands every day to cross St Martins Road to get to the village school on School Lane.

Highways bosses announced in June that £40,000 had been set aside for the work and said today the project was progressing.

Claire Wild, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for transport and highways, said: "A scheme has been included in this year's Capital Programme (2014/15) for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the St Martins Road in Gobowen.

"Our consultants have been commissioned to investigate and carry out the design for the scheme and once the preliminary design is available we will be consulting with the parish council, local councillors and local residents. "The scheme is provisionally programmed to be constructed towards the end of this financial year."

A group of campaigners, led by Gobowen grandmother Dot Basham, launched a battle last year for the safety improvements, collecting hundreds of names on a community petition. Mrs Basham said with more children starting at the school it was vital that the crossing was installed soon.

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Livestock welfare reminder is issued

FARMERS are being reminded of their responsibilities in ensuring they comply with legislation relating to the way livestock are treated, stored and disposed of correctly.

Powys County Council said it was issuing the warning following the prosecution of Tredegar farmer David Phillips from the neighbouring county of Blaenau Gwent who received a suspended prison sentence and has been banned from owning and keeping livestock for the way he treated, stored and failed to notify authorities about the welfare and condition of his livestock.

The current doors are said to be more than 100 years old and church leaders are planning their replacement.

They hope this year's flower festival, which runs from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday, will help pay for the improvements.

Church member Brenda Cassidy said a lot of work had been put into preparing for the festival and said this year's theme was "favourite books".

She said the church's Fun and Friendship Club had been busy making displays on various books including Around the World in 80 Days, Beauty and the Beast and the Jungle Book.

"The level of sentence imposed by the court clearly demonstrates the seriousness of the case."

Flower festival plans set out



Brenda Cassidy with one of the book displays

Trampoline left on road

A TRAMPOLINE and a spiked metal pole were dumped on roads near Oswestry in recent weeks, sparking a warning from police officers urging drivers to be alert at all times.

Michael Jones, community volunteers co-ordinator for West Mercia Police, said: "Drivers are being advised to be alert at all times on Shropshire roads."

"Hazards on the A5 reported between August 30 and September 2 included a trampoline in the middle of the highway, a load of bricks at the Mile End roundabout, near Oswestry, and a spiked metal pole at the West Felton roundabout."

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Bonfire spreads to property



The fire caused damage to Helen Gardner's garage

Pensioner is led to safety from fire by neighbours

A PENSIONER was led to safety by neighbours after flames from a bonfire spread to the garage of her home in a north Shropshire village.

Helen Gardner, 94, was oblivious to the drama outside her home until neighbours were able to get inside the house in Dudleston Heath and lead her to safety.

The blaze started just before 8.30pm on Wednesday last week in the village after sparks from a bonfire in an adjoining garden set the fence between the properties on fire.

Flames then took hold of Mrs Gardner's garage causing the roof to collapse.

Neighbours raced to the house and were able to help her outside.

Friends of the pensioner, John and Jennifer Peate, were returning home when they saw the fire.

Mr Peate said: "We were so worried and rushed to see what was happening. I was so relieved when we saw Helen sitting in a

chair outside with a blanket round her and having a cup of tea."

Mr Peate said: "The Ellesmere fire crew was fantastic, up here just four minutes after the 999 call. The fire started from a bonfire next door."

Mrs Gardner said that she had not been aware of the fire until her neighbours alerted her.

"I am so grateful, I don't know what I would have done without them," she said.

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Plans laid for apple celebrations

ORGANISERS of Oswestry Apple Day say the event will be bigger and better this year.

This year the organisers will be joining forces with community growing initiative, Incredible Edible, to celebrate not just apples but all local produce.

Organisers are urging more people to take part in the event.

They are asking for more growers to get involved in the celebration which takes place on the Bailey Head in Oswestry's town centre on October 18.

The Apple Day and Home-Grown Oswestry event will take place alongside the usual Saturday street market.

Co-organising the event are Cambrian Railway Orchard Project (CROP) together with Oswestry's Incredible Edible and Oswestry Town Market.

Apples will take centre stage on the Bailey Head with a range of activities and stalls dedicated to apple pressing and growing.

Other activities will include the baking of apples as well as related crafts while there will be also a host of children's attractions to ensure everyone in the family will enjoy the popular event.

Alongside all of these activities,

the organisers are aiming to create a vibrant display of locally raised produce, from apples and artichokes to potatoes and parsnips. They will be doing this with the help of home-growers, community gardens, allotment groups, local orchards and farms.

The Incredible Edible project is an initiative to encourage local food growing, and aims to establish community gardens, encourage home-growing of food in the smallest of spaces such as pots and balconies and make use of surplus produce.

Anyone interested in a stall or showing produce should call 07764 772969.

Smaller firms have stronger chance of winning contracts, new report reveals

SMALL businesses are more likely to scoop contracts with Shropshire Council than almost any other local authority in England and Wales, a new report has claimed.

Nationally, Monmouthshire County Council was the highest performing with a 25.6 per cent rate, and Barnsley ranked lowest at 4.2 per cent.

According to the report, just 20 large companies earned £9.9bn from English and Welsh councils in three years, while 78,128 small firms shared an £11.1bn pot over the same period.

Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow said the report made "great reading". It does not include the council's spending with its own spin-off service provider, IP&E. He said: "We've changed our procurement rules to make sure, for example, that for all small contracts staff must get a quote from at least one local firm – and if they can't do this they have to prove why it is not possible."

Law firm offers contract

A paralegal working at a solicitors firm in Oswestry has been offered a training contract that will enable her to become a fully qualified solicitor.

Hannah Flynn joined the property department at GHP Legal, Willow Street, as a paralegal in January, where she has provided support for solicitors handling corporate, commercial, residential property and agricultural work.

Having recently completed her law degree, Hannah has been offered a training contract by the firm to allow her to continue her formal legal training on a part time basis while working full time for the company.

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NEWS
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School is out in force at church

PUPILS, parents and staff from Oswestry School attended a service for the start of the new academic year on Wednesday at St Oswald's Church in Oswestry.

The whole school attended from reception to sixth form to celebrate the start of a new term. During the service the Right Rev Mark Rylands, Bishop of Shrewsbury, licensed the new school chaplain, the Rev Andrew Cranston and also gave a blessing for the new head Julian Noad.

Event to focus on women's plight

HERMON Chapel in Oswestry is hosting an event on September 13 to raise funds and awareness of the oppression faced by women in Afghanistan.

It will run from 2pm to 5pm.

Organiser Duncan Kerr said: "Hermon Chapel Arts Centre is in Chapel Street near the library. Please come and join us. We would also love people to bake cakes for us, they can be brought along from 1pm."

Gardening work talk at meeting

THE next meeting of West on Rhyn & District Gardening Club will be held on October 8. Guest speaker David Toyne, will give a talk on "your garden soil and how it works."

Wildlife photo success for talented schoolgirl

by Pam Kingsley

A TEENAGER has scooped top prize in a photography competition after capturing a tiny beetle crawling across a leaf in her garden.

Mairi Eyles of Llangedwyn snapped the delicate image of a beetle and entered it into the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust's third annual Julian Gardner Award photography competition.

Fifteen-year-old Mairi, who is a pupil at Llanfyllin High School, was the winner in the under-16 category of the competition after the contest's judges chose her image as a stunning example of the 'real countryside'.

Mairi said: "I have been interested in the natural world for as long as I can remember and first started trying to photograph wildlife when I was about five or six. I really enjoy trying to capture things in a new and exciting way."

As well as winning the Julian Gardner competition, Mairi's pictures have been recognised in the British Wildlife Photography Awards and International Garden Photographer of the Year.

She said: "This is the first time I have actually won a national competition and I am really thrilled and excited."

The competition was launched in memory of Julian Gardner, a farmer and lifelong supporter of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust, who was killed while defending his property in East Sussex in October 2010.

A donation from his family and friends enabled the charity to buy two trophies, which are presented to the winners to display for a year.

Mairi received her prize from Mr Gardner's sister, Anna Murphy, watched by Grace Dent from the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust.

The winners also receive prints of their award-winning photographs.

Hundreds get rent support

AROUND £120,000 was paid out by Shropshire Council last year to hundreds of people struggling to pay their rent following the introduction of the so-called bedroom tax.

Figures obtained by the Oswestry and Border Chronicle under a Freedom of Information request revealed that 568 people were awarded discretionary housing payments specifically for the effects of bedroom tax from April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014.

The total cost to Shropshire Council of these payments was £119,974.95.

A spokeswoman for Shropshire Council said: "These are people who have a shortfall between their rent and their housing benefit payments."

"There are many reasons why a household may be unable to move, such as a specific area wanted, rent arrears, a specific property type required and support needs."



Mairi Eyles, centre, with Anna Murphy, right, and Teresa Dent

Historic buildings will open up doors

SOME of Wales' unusual and historic buildings will be opening their doors for a rare glimpse inside over the next few days.

Organised by Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service, Open Doors offers local people and visitors alike the chance to explore the hidden treasures of Wales' culture and history.

The Ceiriog Memorial Institute in Glyn Ceiriog will be opening up for public viewing from 10am to 3pm on Saturday.

The Institute was built in 1911 in memory of local poets John 'Ceiriog' Hughes, Huw Monus and Rev Robert Ellis 'Cynddelw'.

Members of the committee will be on hand to welcome guests and give some insights into the building and its history.

In Welshpool on the same day, Powis Castle will be dropping its usual entrance fee and welcoming visitors free of charge from 10am to 5pm.

On Sunday Brynkinalt Hall near Chirk is open and guided tours of the formal rooms of the house will take place between 10am and 2pm.

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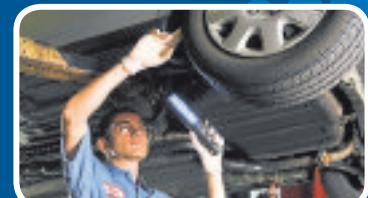
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Farming contest looks for entries

DAIRY stock managers in Wales are being invited to put themselves forward for the NFU Cymru/NFU Mutual Dairy Stockperson Award, which recognises dedicated, committed and enthusiastic dairy stock managers.

The award, now in its third year, is seeking applications from throughout Wales from those involved in the management of dairy cattle who are working within the dairy industry in Wales. The winner will receive £300 and Welsh slate engraved cheese board.

Anyone interested in entering should contact NFU Cymru on (01982) 554200.

Events to mark war anniversary

A village near Oswestry is holding a weekend of remembrance for World War One.

Whittington Remembers starts tomorrow (Friday) at 10am when the church will be hosting a display of war memorabilia. It will also include a display of artwork, poetry and creative writing by young people on the theme of World War One memories.

Refreshments and a produce stall will be available at the church from 10am to 4pm tomorrow and Saturday. On Sunday there will be a service at 6.30pm.

Hospitals support better food for patients rules

by Nathan Rowden

HOSPITAL bosses have backed the Health Secretary's new rules to banish unacceptable food in the NHS.

For the first time hospitals in Shropshire will have to meet mandatory food standards as part of a drive to raise its standards of food across the country, as part of new rules imposed by the Department of Health.

Hospitals will be ranked according to the quality of their food and will be required to meet legally-binding standards. The new plans, announced by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, will see patients screened for malnutrition and given personal food plans.

Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital served 201,000 patients in 2013 while the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford serves 900 meals per day, and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital serves 1,217 meals per day, with 103 staff work within the cross-site Catering Department.

The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital's annual food and beverage budget is £681,803 and the Princess Royal Hospital's annual food and beverage budget is £657,147 - while the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital said food services for each patient costs £12.22 per day.

Chris Fisher, facilities manager for catering facilities at the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust, said: "We welcome the measures outlined by the Health Secretary.

"Although we have not yet fully reviewed the detail which sits behind the announcement, we already work hard to ensure that our food is nutritional, from sustainable sources, tasty, and also provides value for money."

"National performance information tells us that in 2013 we improved significantly on how our patients rate the food we serve."

Jobs boost as store opens

A NEW convenience shop was set to open today (Thursday) in Oswestry, creating seven jobs for the local community.

The One Stop shop in Cabin Lane has been built next to the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre and the Whole Life Christian Centre in a part of the town where there are currently no other places to do basic food shopping.

Mike Mercer, One Stop area manager, said: "We're all very excited about welcoming customers here. With a great selection of products and money saving promotions, we're certain that local shoppers will be delighted with their new store."

The opening of this store has also created seven new jobs, all filled with people from the local area."

The shop will also have an off-license, free to use cash machine, PayPoint, National Lottery and mobile top-up facilities.

Battle is launched over rail changes

CAMPAIGNERS have launched a petition in a bid to save an early morning train service from Wrexham, which calls at stations including Chirk and Gobowen.

The Shrewsbury to Chester Rail Users Association said it understands that Arriva Trains Wales is investigating plans to axe the 7.47am Wrexham to Birmingham rail service from the timetable from May.

Also believed to be facing the chop is the 7am from Shrewsbury which arrives in Wrexham at 7.39am.

The 7.47am from Wrexham calls at Ruabon, Chirk, Gobowen and Shrewsbury and the association says it provides an important direct service from north Wales to the West Midlands.

It has been suggested the Holyhead to Cardiff express service, which currently runs non-stop between Wrexham and Shrewsbury, would stop additionally at Ruabon, Chirk and Gobowen.

But the service runs 15 minutes earlier than the current train and the association said passengers for the Birmingham line would face inconvenience and delay to their journeys through having to change at Shrewsbury.

Stunt thrills in the valley



Top riders have been trying out Revolution Bike Park

IN the world of BMX cycling it is the one of the biggest and the most beautiful.

A 45 foot dirt ramp, known in the trade as a 'quarter pipe' has been constructed in the Welsh hills near Oswestry.

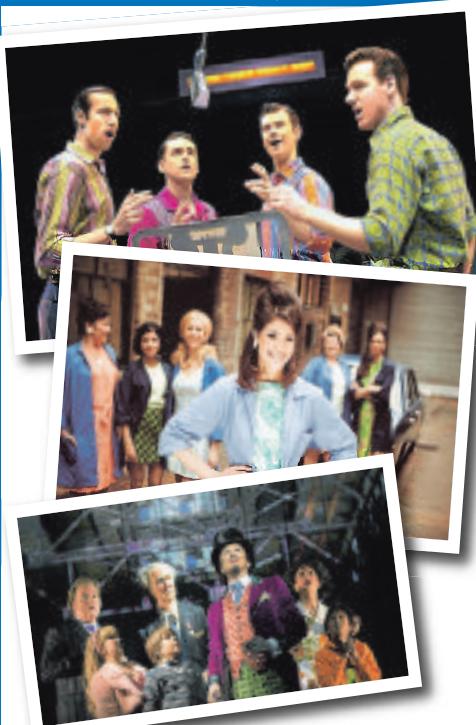
It has provided spectacular rocky backdrop for BMX riders, who have flocked from across the country to give it a go.

The ramp, part of Revolution Bike Park at Llanllyfniog, was the brainchild of one of Britain's top riders, Sebastian Kepp.

He approached Red Bull with a sketch and when the Revolution Bike Park became known in the cycling world it was decided to site the quarter pipe at the specialist park in the Tanat Valley.

Calum Gillies of Red Bull said: "Sebastian has added new features and it has already encouraged some of the best riders on the planet to come down and ride the 'quarter'."

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Village's postbox is stolen in theft

A VILLAGE postbox has been stolen along with the wooden box it was fixed to, leaving residents having to travel to the next village to post a letter.

The postbox was taken from a wooden post near crossroads at Gwern y Brenin, Maesbury, overnight between August 23 and 24.

Viktor Tsvetanov, Royal Mail spokesman, said: "We can confirm that a postbox near crossroads at Gwern y Brenin, Maesbury, was stolen over that weekend."

"Royal Mail will replace the box as soon as possible. In the meantime, customers can use other postboxes in the area at Morton crossroads and opposite The Original Ball public house, or drop their mail off at Maesbury Marsh Post Office branch."

"We apologise to customers for any inconvenience and advise anyone who has any concerns about their mail to contact our customer services team on 03457 740 740."

"Royal Mail has some 115,000 post boxes around the country and thefts of postboxes are relatively rare."

Mr Tsvetanov added that anyone with any information about the theft should contact the police.

Organisations' delight at grant scheme support

THE financial coffers of several groups in Oswestry have been given a welcome boost thanks to a funding scheme run by the town council.

Organisations ranging from a tennis training club to a bell-ringing group received funding from the council's large grants scheme.

With the current economic problems meaning fewer grants are available from other sources, the town council cash is vital in allowing some of the groups to continue their work.

Mayor Councillor John Gareth Jones said: "The council is pleased to support these local organisations."

"As a council we are coming under more and more pressure to help local groups as other funding ceases and our own funds become limited."

"However we do support many groups and organisations not just through grants but other physical support and providing opportunities for fundraising with our various events and markets."

"There are many good things happening in Oswestry and as a council we take great pleasure in supporting when we can."

Among the recipients of the grants was Oswestry Team Tennis who received a £500 grant towards the holding of Oswestry Community Games. Clive

**By Iain
St John**

Knight from Oswestry Community Games was on hand to accept the cheque.

A grant of £1,000 went to the Qube organisation as a contribution towards its cost of providing volunteers with Charlotte Jackson accepting the cheque.

A grant of £1,000 went to Oswestry and District Arts Association to enable its grants scheme to support local art to continue. Hazel Davis accepted the cheque from the association.

A grant of £606 went to St Oswald's Society of Bell Ringers towards the cost of refurbishing church bells with the Rev Gordon Hodson accepting the funding.

And a grant of £1,350 was awarded to Oswestry Youth Cafe to help its rental costs, with the cheque accepted by Greg Hickman from the cafe.



Mayor John Gareth Jones hands out the cheques to representatives from the Oswestry groups

NEWS in brief

Club offers aid over condition

LEG Club Severn in Welshpool is inviting new members along for support in managing leg ulcers and associated conditions, as well as to meet people in a similar situation.

Alison Harding, club chairwoman, said: "The aim is to see patients suffering from leg ulcers and associated conditions and there is also a strong social element. The club is led by district nurses assisted by an enthusiastic band of volunteers working on reception and tea room duties."

The club is open every Tuesday morning at the New Street Church. For details call Alison Harding on 07742 008718.

Gardening society starts programme

THE first meeting of Oswestry Garden Society's autumn programme will be a Question and Answer session with expert Kristian Hickson-Booth.

The event will be held at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lower Brook Street in Oswestry, at 7.15pm on Monday.

Visitors are welcome.

Any garden-related queries can be put to Kristian Hickson-Booth on the evening.

For further details about the event, phone either Anne Hendrie on (01691) 659773 or Carol Laycock on (01691) 676482.

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Dog owners urged to get pets chipped

COUNCIL chiefs are urging Mid Wales dog owners to have their pets micro-chipped for free, by taking their animals to free chipping sessions.

The Dogs Trust, the largest dog welfare charity in the UK, are hosting a number of their 'Chip My Dog' events in the county.

The law is changing and from March 1, dog owners must have their dogs micro-chipped.

Powys County Council's environmental protection team is now urging owners that haven't had their dog chipped to do so at the free events. Micro-chipping involves inserting a tiny microchip under the dog's skin.

The charity will also be providing advice on a range of dog issues including responsible dog ownership.

Support

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for environment health, said: "I would like to thank the Dogs Trust for hosting their 'Chip My Dog' events in the county.

"There are important benefits of micro-chipping and we support any efforts which can make this happen."

"Each microchip has a unique identification number which is registered, so if a dog strays and gets lost it can be traced back to the owner."

"All strays which we pick up are scanned for chips which can help us reunite dogs with owners quickly and avoid unnecessary costs such as kennel fees."

Free chipping events take place at Wynnstay, Unit 1, Maesyllan, Llanlloes on October 2, followed by an event at Wynnstay, Llansantffraid on October 6 and then at Wynnstay, Gibbet Road, Llanfair Caereinion on October 8.

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Pentre Kendrick at Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry will go under the hammer next month as a whole or in two lots at Lion Quays Hotel on October 1, with a guide price of £2 million to £2.1 million.

The farm includes a five bedroomed farmhouse, extensive farm buildings and planning consent for three homes.

"We are receiving enquiries from all over the UK, which reflects that Shropshire is still seen as a desirable, unspoilt location," said David Giles, a director of Halls, who is handling the sale.

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stove, an office, five bedrooms (Mezzanine master bedroom en suite with oak floor, and spiral staircase from the lounge), a bathroom, dressing room, spiral staircase to the utility, cloakroom, hobby room, formal cottage gardens, orchard, vegetable plot, shed, wildlife area and parking area. Contact Halls on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk



Elegant period house is to go up for auction sale soon

An imposing late Victorian residence in Oswestry is up for auction at the Lion Quays Hotel, Morton on September 18. Croftside, Queens Road, stands in large mature gardens. The detached property has a large reception hall, drawing room, dining room. There is a cloakroom, sitting room, open plan kitchen/breakfast room with utility, and a cellar. The master bedroom has en-suite facilities and bedroom two includes a dressing room, three further bedrooms share a bathroom. It stands in lawned garden. Priced at £375,000, call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



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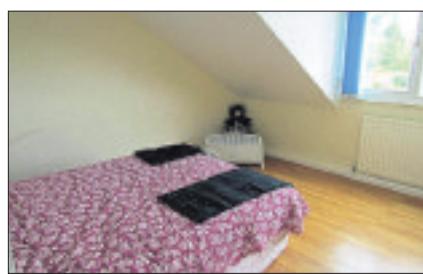
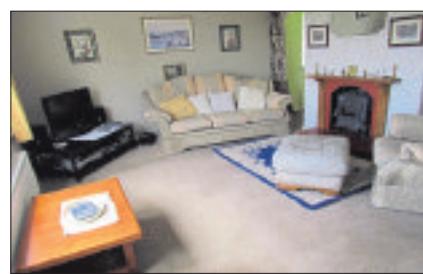
Cosy four-bedroom country cottage has its own paddock

If the name Laburnum Cottage conjures a picture of a country cottage, surrounded by fields and with inglenook, woodstove and beams, you won't be disappointed. Not to mention the paddock and field shelter. Three miles from Oswestry in the hamlet of Gwern y Brenin, Laburnum Cottage provides four bedrooms, including a master room with en-suite. There is a spacious kitchen with beams and character, plus a snug offering a cosy atmosphere with brick inglenook. Laburnum Cottage is marked with a guide price of £399,950, for more information call Clemmie Radcliffe on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk



Detached home comes with self-contained annexe

A detached home in West Felton is on the market at £410,000. Number 1 Stonehouse Drive stands in gardens with accommodation split between the house and a self-contained annexe. There is a hallway, open plan kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, utility, sitting room, dining area, three bedrooms, two en-suite, and study/bedroom 4. The annexe has a kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, one en-suite, a Jack and Jill bathroom, sitting room and balcony. There are gardens and a summerhouse, workshop and garage. Call Strutt & Parker on 01743 284200.



Smart dormer property in quiet spot on fringe of village

On the market with JJ Dell & Co, Elton, in Nant Lane, on the edge of Morda, is a well appointed detached dormer bungalow in a quiet village position. It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, four double bedrooms, a bathroom, cloakroom, garage, car parking and gardens. The kitchen has an integrated oven, hob and vinyl flooring. The lounge has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner, and there is a study. There are four bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite of wash hand basin, bath with an electric shower over, WC, heated towel rail and vinyl flooring. The property is priced at £194,950. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437.





Smart five bedroom house in a quiet area

Number 28 Bentley Drive, Oswestry, is on the market with Woodhead Estates. This modern five bedroom detached double fronted house is in a quiet location. Benefiting from three reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, double glazing, gas central heating, two en suite bedrooms, three bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, separate family bathroom, downstairs cloakroom, detached double garage and an enclosed landscaped rear garden. Viewings are recommended to appreciate this property's location, accommodation and presentation. Offers in the region of £329,950 are being sought. Call Harriet Fallon on 01691 680044.



Delightful home in elevated spot with views

Number 12 Acorn Rise, Welshpool, is a delightful detached bungalow in an elevated, yet convenient position with panoramic country views.

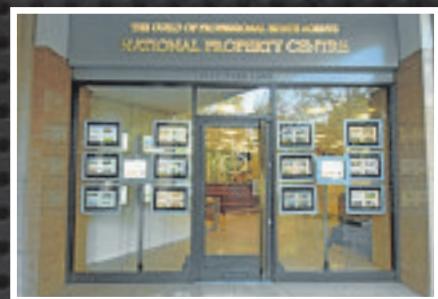
With mains gas, double glazing and solar roof panels, it has a kitchen/breakfast room, and lounge/dining room with patio doors to a raised terrace. There are three bedrooms, two with wardrobes, a good-sized bathroom and boarded loft space with light and power. Outside is a large detached garage, parking for four/five cars and attractive garden with two raised terraces and lawned areas. The property is priced at £185,000 – call Halls on 01938 555552.



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Offers in the region of £249,950 are being sought. Contact Harriet Fallon on 01691 680044.



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- Gas central heating and double glazing throughout. EPC Rating C

NEW




Laburnum Drive
Oswestry

£139,995

- An deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen/Dining Room
- Three good size bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Large enclosed rear garden with decked area and brick built store
- Off-road parking for two vehicles
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D

NEW




Penycae Avenue
Gobowen

£145,950

- Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property situated in an elevated position
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- Whilst on the first floor there are 4 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
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- EPC Rating . NO CHAIN




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Oswestry

£220,000

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£149,950

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LOT 4 AUCTION

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Guide Price Over £250,000

- Spectacular views
- 3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms
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This deceptively spacious detached cottage dates back to the 1700's and offers spacious accommodation and benefits from a half acre plot formally used as a paddock. Enjoying excellent road links, the bridle path to Llynrys Common is also accessible from the property. Situated in a most convenient location with easy access to the A483 this property must be viewed to be appreciated.



Glas Coed, Pontfadog
Price: £249,950

This beautifully presented three bedroom cottage bungalow has the most wonderful views across the Ceiriog Valley. Located in the picturesque village of Pontfadog which provides a post office, local shops and a river running through.

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Parking & Garage
- Current EPC Rating E

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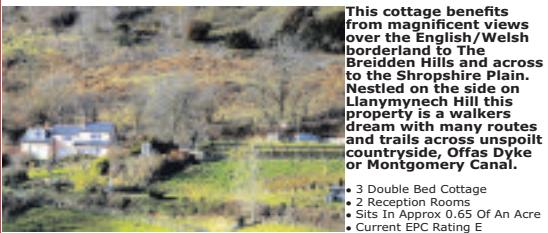


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View Cottage, Llanymynech
Price: £270,000

This cottage benefits from magnificent views over the English/Welsh borderland to The Breidden Hills and across to the Shropshire Plain. Nestled on the side on Llanymynech Hill this property is a walkers dream with many routes and trails across unspoilt countryside, Offa's Dyke or Montgomery Canal.

- 3 Double Bed Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Sits In Approx 0.65 Of An Acre
- Current EPC Rating E

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The Old Creamy, Four Crosses
Price: Offers in Region of £95,000

NO CHAIN
An ideal first time or investment purchase. This first floor apartment benefits from views to Llanymynech Hill and to Offa's Dyke offering fantastic walking opportunities. This property is conveniently located for those commuting or those wanting a village way of life. Reception Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Diner/Living Room, Bathroom, Master Bedroom and En Suite, Bedroom Two and Allocated Parking.

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OC3910
Woolston House, Woolston
Price: £575,000

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An imposing Georgian fronted property recently refurbished to a high standard whilst retaining many original features. This property is currently established as a 5 star Gold Award Bed and Breakfast providing three luxurious guest suites; however, the property is also a wonderful family home. Offering six bedrooms and beautiful accommodation. Current EPC Rating E.



OC3835
Quarry Road, Glyn Ceiriog
Price: £385,000

This detached family home is situated in an enchanting position nestled in the Cambrian Woodlands on a quiet track providing seclusion but not isolation. The property sits in just over 7 acres of grounds principally pasture land, woodland and mature gardens. The property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Must be viewed to be appreciated.

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OC3920
Breidden View, Penyfoel
Price: £285,000

This detached Victorian cottage benefits from an elevated position with magnificent views over the English/Welsh borderland to The Breidden Hills and across to the Shropshire Plain. Nestled on the side on Llanymynech Hill this property is a walkers dream with many routes and trails across unspoilt countryside, Offa's Dyke or Montgomery Canal. The property would also appeal to garden enthusiasts.

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OC3950
Russell Street, Cefn Mawr
Price: £199,950

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This deceptively spacious four bedroom semi-detached Victorian Villa sits prominently overlooking the Vale of Llangollen. This property has been updated by the current owners and provides character and charm throughout. The accommodation is spread over four floors and benefits from superb views. Hall, Lounge, Bathroom, Three Bedroom, Gardens, Double Garage. EPC Rating E.



OC3980
Green End, Oswestry
Price: £235,000

NO CHAIN
A mature extended semi-detached family home located in a highly favoured residential area within easy reach of all amenities. The accommodation is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from double glazing (where stated). Benefiting from many original features, this property must be viewed to be appreciated. EPC Rating D.

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OC3559
Sycamore Cottage, Nr Treflach
Price: £399,950

NO CHAIN
This detached country home is situated in a most peaceful rural location. Set in approximately two acres this extended and renovated cottage must be viewed to appreciate the spacious and characterful accommodation. Current EPC Rating F

- Two Reception Rooms
- Master & Ensuite
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OC3968
Coed-Y-Glyn Uchaf, Nr Glyn Ceiriog
Price: £450,000

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OC3980
The Cottage, Hengoed
Price: Offers over £200,000

NO CHAIN
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OC3922
Rosslyn, Gwern-y-brenin
Price: Offers over £450,000

NO CHAIN
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OC3963
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- Range Of Outbuildings
- Set In Excess Of 9 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D



OC3963
The Temperance House, Gobowen
Price: £242,000

NO CHAIN
An attractive and imposing Victorian family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated to a high standard throughout. Four Bedroom, Kitchen, Utility, Dining Room, Study, Bathroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Garden, Parking. EPC E

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OC3934
Llanerch Bach, Nr Froncyslite
Price: £299,950

NO CHAIN
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KAREN pretty blonde, short in stature, big personality, keeps fit, loves dogs, seeking honest, caring male who can make me laugh. Nothing too serious just fun! **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412377

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ELAINE attractive 39y old blonde single mum seeking respectful male/ad with similar interests for adult friendship, hopefully leading to love, looks unimportant. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 410117

NICKY bubbly curvy fun blonde, varied interests, enjoys meals out, holidays, **WLTM** male with **GSOH** for possible friend. **Text Only** **Mailbox Box No:** 4483977

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NORTH Shropshire male, 67, **N/S**, **GSOH**, likes walks, travel, music, holidays, countryside, seeks **N/S** lady for **LTR**. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412867

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TONY 52, dark hair, white male, 6ft, confident, **GSOH**, seeks black female. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 352753

SEAN 47, 5ft 8ins, average looks, seeking genuine, caring female. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 410467

JOHN 40's, tall, athletic, active, adventurous, cheeky, tactile, fun, own interests, loves life, seeks similar fun female. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412481

TALL 42y old sincere male, caring, honest, loving, seeking female, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412483

ALAN tall widower, 76, looking for female to swap contact details together. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412261

TALL slim gent, 40, seeks strings, looking for friend, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412208

TALL slim gent, 60, seeks strings, looking for friend, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 411909

TALL attractive Shrewsbury male, 54, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement in the daytime. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 411823

TIGER Woods lookalike, seeking pretty BBW for good times. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 411801

MALE 47, fit, N/S, **OHAC**, seeks slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walks. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 411673

TALL mature male, seeks younger, attractive mixed race lady for spoiling and pampering. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 411505

MATURE male, young looking, many interests, **GSOH**, seeks similar male for friendship. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 413953

DIVORCED male, young, fit 50, generous, own business, seeks male, any nationality, 18-20 for good times. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 413107

MALE 40's, discreet, seeks black male, under 30 for fun and friendship. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412415

YOUNG male, 25, educated, likes arts, dogs, travel, classic cars, comedy, seeks similar older male for **LTR**. **Text No:** 0906 500 3724 **Box No:** 412465

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Mercedes SLS GT a class act that ticks all the boxes

If you like the idea of an old-school front-engined, rear-wheel drive supercar with an aurally awesome V8 engine but want it wrapped in a veneer of modern accessibility, there's little to touch the Mercedes-Benz SLS GT. More power, better suspension and lower prices than before? It's good news week.

To be fair, Mercedes largely brought this problem on themselves. For quite some time we'd been telling anyone who'd listen that the SLS AMG coupe was far from just a Mercedes SL with a fancy set of doors. It was faster, firmer and altogether more focused. Then the Stuttgarters introduced an SL model, the SL 63 AMG, which handled like a demon and was as quick and almost as characterful as the SLS. Suddenly the SLS almost was just an SL with a fancy set of doors.

So the company has had a little think and worked a bit harder to further differentiate the SLS. These days there's not just one SLS model. There's this SLS AMG GT, the effective entry level which we look at here in coupe guise but which can also be ordered as a drop-top. Then there's the astonish-



ing Black Series coupe for those who feel the need for even more extremity and there's also the SLS AMG Electric Drive at the apex of the range – a battery-powered toy for grown ups.

The original SLS AMG coupe hardly drew a welter of complaints about the way it drove, but Mercedes-Benz has certainly improved this GT model.

The key change is in the transmission. The previous AMG Speedshift DCT seven-speed 'box didn't have a problem in its shifting speed but the software seemed a little too willing to

overrule manual changes, especially on downshifts. The latest version of this sequential twin-clutch transmission shifts a lot more responsively to driver requests.

The engine remains a 6.2-litre V8 but power has crept up to 591PS, which is a useful 20PS increase. This translates to performance that's supercar quick; think 62mph from a standing start in just 3.7 seconds and a top speed of 199mph.

The suspension has been re-fettled too. It's still double aluminium wishbones all-round but



the AMG Ride Control electronically adaptable damping (Sport, Sport +) ensures that the car is tauter on turn-in than before, while still retaining enough compliance in ride for regular road use.

The latest styling updates to the exterior of the SLS have been subtle. The headlamps now feature a darker surround, there are 19in front and 20in rear AMG alloy wheels in either a five or 10 twin-spoke design in titanium grey or in a 10-spoke bi-colour design, while the eagle-eyed will also clock the AMG carbon-fibre

exterior mirrors. There's also some AMG trim in high-gloss black, red brake calipers, plus of course the AMG GT badge on the boot lid.

The interior of the SLS AMG GT has also come in for some budget.

The best news is that despite the extra power, poise and toys, the price of the GT has actually been reduced compared to the previous SLS AMG.

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What's not to like in great value fast hatch

By David Banner

Ford's Fiesta ST has long been the thinking person's fast hatchback. This latest one is no exception.

With 182PS on tap, it keeps things real and the pricing looks great as well. Ford has certainly put down a serious marker. The plush ST3 version adds sat nav, keyless entry, cruise control, auto headlamps and wipers, power folding mirrors and electronic climate control that many owners will want.

So-called 'warm hatches' have often been a tricky sell. Why? Because there's usually a faster version that's more desirable. Warm hatches are usually bought by younger drivers who want the faster car but can't afford the insurance bills. There is an exception. Ford's Fiesta would appear to be the perfect candidate for a searing hot hatch, but in recent years, instead of a fire-breathing RS model, the pinnacle of Fiesta sporting ambition has been the ST line. But the 'Sports Technologies' variant has usually been a great car in its own right.

Now we've got another Fiesta ST to compare with earlier standard setters. Instead of the 150PS it had in previous generation form, it gets a heftier 182PS. Does this lift it into a more serious price category? Not a bit of it. Ford has kept the pricing keen, so much so that we suspect that some manufacturers of this Fiesta's opposition are starting to feel a little worried.

The top ST3 version we're going to look at here costs an extra £1,000, but still manages to look good value against many obvious rivals.

Ford has developed new chassis and suspension components to improve the ride quality and refinement of the car and further enhanced the Ford Electronic Power Assisted Steering system.

Unique suspension and steering tuning and better Torque Vectoring Control (eTVC) combines with a 15mm lower ride height to deliver the requisite dynamic improvements over what is already a very good chassis.

Ostentatious

Ford produce the Fiesta ST in both three and five door guises, but there are no plans to import the five-door car to the UK. But when the three-door model looks this good, I doubt too many tears will be shed. The big front grille (which can look a bit ostentatious on an ordinary poverty-spec Fiesta supermini) works well with the ST's more extrovert body styling. That runs to an imposing black honeycomb trapezoidal front grille, plus a large rear spoiler with twin air vents and twin exhaust.

Colour choices including Molten Orange and Spirit Blue and an optional style pack adds red brake calipers and grey alloy wheels to pump up the aggression a bit.

The rising beltline of the Fiesta in profile doesn't seem to bode well for the rear seat passengers in this three-door car but the Fiesta surprises with decent legroom and headroom that's manageable even for a six-footer. The windows are small and set high up, so light isn't abundant in the back but the shopping bags, coats and road atlases that owners will store there most of the time won't be overly worried.

Standard spec for all Fiesta STs runs to 17in alloy wheels, a body styling kit with a chromed dual exhaust pipe, a Quickclear heated windscreens, front fog lights, a Thatcham Category 1 alarm, a leather-trimmed ST steering wheel and gearshift knob with red stitching plus a decent quality stereo system incorporating a DAB digital radio. There's also Ford's clever Bluetooth/USB SYNC connectivity and the 'My Key' system via which you can tailor the systems of the car to your own settings communicated to it via the ignition key.

The whole point of sporty Fiestas has been to offer a generous slice of fun coupled with modest running costs. It was always thus with the old XR2 and it continues with this generation ST. Even with 182PS on tap, you'll still see 47.9mpg on the combined cycle with emissions pegged at a very reasonable 138g/km. That compares well with cars like the 208 GTI, which manages 139g/km and the Fabia VRS at 148g/km.

It's hard to see how Ford could have done a lot better with the Fiesta ST. Warm hatches are usually a difficult thing to position as there will always be that nagging feeling that if you just saved a little more, you could be in something more exciting, but the ST has long stood up very well as a model in its own right.

With 182PS on tap translating into a sprint to 62mph of just 6.9 seconds, this Fiesta is quicker than many of the proper hot hatches of not so very long ago. It'll most certainly out-handle some fairly illustrious names as well.

An integral part of bringing a warm hatch to market is managing costs and it's here that the Ford really plays its trump card. It gets 47.9mpg on the combined fuel economy cycle and emissions are rated at just 138g/km - but the biggest draw is certain to be the price tag.

At just £17,000, the base model is very tempting and even in the £19,000 ST3 guise we've looked at here, it still strongly pays the value card.

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Kia's new Sorento unveiled in Korea

By Graham Breeze

The third generation Kia Sorento was unveiled in Korea last week, delivering a premium look to build on the success of the outgoing model.

The new Sorento boasts a smoother, swept-back profile with more space and numerous innovative features. The styling changes alter the character of the new Sorento, highlighting its sleek profile and giving the new model a bolder on-the-road presence.

There are long, wrap-around headlamps and more prominent fog-lamps, as well as a larger, more upright 'tiger-nose' grille, with a distinctive three-dimensional diamond pattern, first featured on the 2013 Kia Cross GT concept.

In profile, the new model retains the Sorento's hallmark long bonnet and characteristic wide D-pillar, but lower roofline, higher beltline and swept-back shape give the car a more dramatic, muscular stance.

Inside the all-new Sorento is where some of the most significant improvements are to be found.

The styling of the cabin follows a modern and wide theme with a wraparound dashboard with soft-touch materials and leather creating a modern luxury feel, giving the new Sorento a genuine premium vehicle feel.

Increase

Although the roofline is 15mm lower, repositioned seat cushions ensure increased headroom and legroom for occupants in all three rows.

Cargo space also increases.

Available in five- or seven-seat versions, the new Sorento features 40/20/40 second row split folding for improved versatility, with a higher folding centre armrest.

The model debuts a number of new, advanced on-board technologies such as an all around view monitor, with four cameras and a power tailgate which opens the tailgate automatically when the key is 'sensed' in close proximity to the trunk.

Five engines will be available depending on country, offering power outputs ranging from 172 to 270 ps.

These include a 2.4-litre petrol direct injection (GDI) unit, 2.4-litre and 3.3-litre multi-point injection (MPI) engines, and revised 2.0-litre and 2.2-litre 'R' turbo-diesel units.

Of these, only the 2.2-litre turbo-diesel and 2.4-litre GDI engines will be sold in Europe, with the diesel unit expected to account for the majority of sales. Final decisions on the UK line-up are yet to be made.

Buyers of the much anticipated new Sorento will be able to choose from a wealth of safety technologies – depending on the market.

Available systems will include: ASCC (Adaptive Smart Cruise Control); LDWS (Lane Departure Warning System); FCW (Front Collision Warning).

There will also be BSD (Blind-Spot Detection); LCA (Lane Change Assist); RCTA (Rear Cross-Traffic Alert) and SLIF (Speed Limit Information Function) based on cameras detecting roadside signs.

Following its unveiling in Korea, the all-new Kia Sorento will make its European premiere on October 2 at the 2014 Paris Motor Show.

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BMW X4 delivers power, performance and style

By Andy Enright

The latest BMW X4 is a car that might divide opinion but the xDrive35d model has the power to convert all but the most entrenched opinions. Andy Enright reports.

The BMW X4 showcases its talents to devastating effect in the all-wheel drive Xdrive35d model. Here's a vehicle that steamrollers 62mph flat in just 5.3 seconds yet can return a combined fuel consumption of 47.1mpg.

You'll pay nearly £50,000 for the range-topping M Sport model but as much as this is a vehicle that sells on style, there's a reassuringly hefty slug of substance backing it up.

Unless BMW sees fit to launch a full-on M car in the X4 range, this xDrive35d model represents the flagship model in the all-diesel line up. That 3.0-litre twin-turbo engine delivers a huge slug of power; fully 313PS and delivers a peak torque of 630Nm from between 1,500 and 2,500rpm.

With its standard Launch Control, the X4 xDrive35d demolishes the sprint to 62mph in just 5.2 seconds and keeps accelerating to 153mph. The peerless ZF eight-speed automatic gearbox takes care of shifting duties, repeatedly plugging the engine right into the chunky part of the torque curve with unerring accuracy.

Refinement is, surprisingly, the weakest part of this powerplant's dynamic repertoire, with a fair amount of diesel grumble audible when you press the engine and it's often harmonised with some falsetto turbo accompaniment.

BMW has tuned the suspension of the X4 to offer a more focused feel than that of the X3, and the intelligent xDrive all-wheel-drive system splits drive between the rear wheels continuously as required, optimising traction, turn-in and directional stability.

The Variable Sport Steering system is fitted as standard and an xDrive status display makes a bid for what might be the most gratuitous use of graphics in a car with the three-dimensional display of the car's body roll and pitch. BMW's optional variable damper control is worth springing for as it helps ensure that the ride doesn't lapse into uncomfortable sharpness especially on poor urban surfaces.

Maybe we're mellowing or maybe it just works better with a smaller body, but we don't find the X4 anything like as weird to behold as the X6. There's a cohesion to the shape, a purpose to its stance that escapes its bulky bigger sibling. It's certainly leagues better looking than, say, a 5 Series Gran Turismo and we can see this model proving popular with those who want a BMW but want something a bit less staid and suburban than an X3.

That coupe-like roofline reaches its highest point over the front seats before dropping gently down towards the

trailing edge of the boot lid. The swage line running along the flanks is split in two, the first section rises from the front wheel arches to the rear door handles, while the second part accentuates the rear wings.

Reserve your judgement for a moment on whether you like the shape of the BMW X4 or whether, indeed, it makes any great sense and ponder what BMW has achieved here. Did we ever think we could get a car of this size that accelerated quicker than a Porsche 911 but which returned better fuel economy than many superminis? This xDrive35d model is unashamedly high-end and there a lot of other conspicuous contenders for your fifty large, but there aren't too many other vehicles that combine such a broad array of talents.

Equivalent

You'll need to stump up a hefty £48,995 to get your hands on the BMW X4 xDrive35d. Admittedly that does net you the ritzy M Sport model, but it's still £3,500 over the price of the X3 xDrive35d in equivalent trim and a massive £6,000 over that engine and transmission in a BMW 3 Series Touring model.

Value for money? You'll need to make your own decisions on that score when comparing it to its in-house rivals, but if you were looking to other manufacturers, you'd come up dry trying to find anything directly comparable. A Lexus RX450h is virtually as slinky



a shape and is similarly priced but it's hard to see the customer of one of these vehicles being drawn to the other.

Being an M Sport model, it gets a decent run at the BMW's equipment list. All X4s get an automatically opening tailgate, Variable Sport Steering, front and rear Park Distance Control, Performance Control and xenon headlights. That's on top of a sport leather steering wheel, heated front seats and BMW's Business Media package. Then there's the M

aerodynamic body kit, high-gloss shadow line trim exterior trim and 19in M Sport alloy wheels. M Sport suspension offers a firmer ride while you also get a bit of tinsel with M door sill finishers, Aluminium Hexagon interior trim and some rather tasty sport seats.

The X4 xDrive35d is the thirstiest model in the range. It's sledgehammer quick, getting to 62mph in just 5.3 seconds yet it returns better fuel economy than 150PS worth of Honda Accord diesel. Both have automatic

gearboxes, the BMW gets 47.1mpg, the Honda 46.3mpg. Even the aforementioned hybrid Lexus RX450h can't touch that, netting its owner 44.8mpg.

Residual values look set to stack up firmly as well. If, for the sake of argument, we take the closest-priced Lexus RX450h as a comparison, after three years and 30,000 miles, your BMW will still be worth £23,000 while the Lexus languishes at £19,000. Factor in fuel, insurance, servicing and so on and the BMW trumps the Japanese car comprehensively.



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2014	BMW 116 i Sport 5dr (Nav)	Midnight Blue	0	£24,751	£22,311	£2,440
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Alpine White	0	£23,866	£21,333	£2,533
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Black Sapphire	0	£25,406	£22,873	£2,533
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Deep Sea Blue	0	£25,406	£22,873	£2,533
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Black Sapphire	0	£25,631	£23,098	£2,533
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Mineral Grey	0	£26,246	£23,568	£2,678
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2014	BMW 118 i Sport 5dr	Glacier Silver	0	£26,191	£23,351	£2,840
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2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Deep Sea Blue	0	£25,091	£22,558	£2,533
2014	BMW 116 D Sport 5dr	Glacier Silver	0	£25,091	£22,558	£2,533
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2014	BMW 320 i X Drive M Sport Saloon (Nav)	Alpine White	0	£35,071	£29,848	£5,223
2014	BMW 420 D M Sport Coupe (Pr Nav)	Estroll Blue	0	£43,581	£39,554	£4,027
2014	BMW 420 D Luxury Coupe (Pr Nav)	Black Sapphire	0	£43,191	£38,879	£4,312
2014	BMW 418 D Sport Grand Coupe (Nav)	Mineral Grey	0	£38,566	£35,394	£3,172
2014	BMW 420 D M Sport Coupe (Pr Nav)	Black Sapphire	0	£41,016	£36,989	£4,027
2014	BMW 420 D M Sport Coupe (Pr Nav)	Estroll Blue	0	£41,356	£37,329	£4,027
2014	BMW 420 D Sport Gran Coupe (Nav)	Glacier Silver	0	£39,366	£36,114	£3,252
2014	BMW 428i M Sport Coupe	Glacier Silver	0	£42,301	£37,216	£5,085
2014	BMW 420i Sport Coupe	Jet Black	0	£32,931	£29,006	£3,925
2014	BMW 420 D M Sport Convertible	Estroll Blue	0	£47,281	£43,404	£3,877
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2014	BMW M4 Coupe	Austin Yellow	0	£62,741	£61,741	£1,000
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2014	BMW 520 D M Sport Touring	Carbon Black	0	£52,704	£46,302	£6,402
2014	BMW 520 D Luxury Saloon	Mineral White	0	£40,579	£34,966	£5,613
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2014	X1 X Drive 1.8 D X Line	Deep Sea Blue	0	£32,301	£28,135	£4,166
2014	BMW 640 D M Sport Coupe	Carbon Black	0	£74,666	£58,309	£16,357
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Look at what lies beneath

By Anthony Martyn

Skoda's assured quiet competence hasn't come about by accident; it has a lot to do with its position in the Volkswagen Group hierarchy.

It would be difficult to produce a substandard product with the technology that's circulated within the Volkswagen conglomerate today but modern Skodas can't shout too loudly about their qualities without the risk of pinching sales from the other VW brands.

SEAT is sporty, Volkswagen is classy and that leaves Skoda to sell practical cars at sensible prices and not make a fuss. It's a role it fills rather well and if you can do without the fluff, the latest facelifted Fabia could be the supermini for you.

In the past, the Fabia has been powered by some elderly engines that were well past their best but the latest line-up has the glossy sheen of the new about it.

Yes, the 60bhp and 70bhp 1.2-litre units at the base of the range are nothing special but buyers with the means to rise above those really do get some choice technology. The 1.2 TSI engine is a compact turbocharged petrol unit that's available in 85bhp and 105bhp forms. It's lightweight and produces strong economy with the performance you'd expect from a larger unit. The diesel option is in a similarly high league with common-rail fuel injection and a diesel particulate filter. It produces 90bhp with its 1.6-litre capacity.

All of which leaves the 1.4-litre engine that powers the Fabia vRS. It's arguably the most advanced of the lot with a turbo-

charger and a supercharger helping it to 178bhp. Performance is brisk in this hot Fabia with a 0-60mph time of 7.3 seconds and a 140mph top speed.

The vRS is available exclusively with the seven-speed DSG twin-clutch gearbox which works as an automatic or a slick paddle-shift manual. The same gearbox is available with the 105bhp 1.2-TSI engine but a five-speed manual is standard.

Oscar Wilde said the only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about but Skoda might disagree. The days when the Czech manufacturer was the laughing stock of the automotive world have long since passed and under Volkswagen's stewardship, it's settled into a cosy little niche. It doesn't garner many headlines and no longer warrants a mention on the comedy circuit but the cars are good and low-key seems to be serving Skoda very nicely.

Materials

True to recent form, the latest Fabia supermini isn't one of today's most talked about cars and it certainly draws precious few complaints.

There's a good amount of space inside the Fabia, particularly for rear seat passengers. The materials aren't quite up to the standards set in Volkswagen products but the similarities in the design are easy to spot and the same robust build quality can be seen throughout.

Inside and out, the Fabia's design keeps it simple, which is a big part of the car's appeal.

Boot capacity stands at an impressive 300 litres with the seats in place or a massive 1,163 litres when they're folded. In the estate, the extended dimensions have helped Skoda engineers achieve a 480-li-



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tre boot capacity with the seats up. Fold the 60/40 split rear seats flat (a less than straightforward operation that involves removing the headrests) and there's an Albert Hall-esque 1,460 litres.

Despite the success of the Fabia, Skoda still recognises the limits of its badge equity and its place within the hierarchy of the Volkswagen Group. As a result, the Fabia is priced realistically, but Skoda is emphasising the quality and technology in the package.

Equipment levels were never the Fabia's strong point, relying instead on solid no-nonsense build quality. This time round there are items like electronically-controlled Climatronic air-conditioning

and an MP3/iPod compatible stereo, but if you go to your Skoda dealer expecting to be granted a view of the state-of-the-art in small car electronics, you're likely to be disappointed.

These days, Skoda is a car brand which demands to be taken seriously. With the might of the Volkswagen Group in the background, it has access to some of the finest vehicle platforms and technologies going, many of which are showcased on the latest Skoda Fabia supermini.

This isn't a car which makes a song and dance about its qualities, but look beneath the unassuming surface and there's a highly accomplished package that's only made more appealing by the price.

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Style trial with a modest price

By Sharon Walters

Peugeot's 208 Style offers a few extras over the Active model for a modest markup.

The 208 Style takes the Active trim level and adds a panoramic glass roof, sat nav, parking sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, chrome door mirrors, and better upholstery, charging you an additional £750 for the privilege. Together, that lot would tot up to around £1,500 if ordered separately.

Peugeot is renowned as a maker of great small cars. In recent years, that reputation went through the wringer somewhat, but with the 208 the French company is back to form.

Here is a supermini that barely puts a foot wrong. It's well-built, it looks good inside and out, it drives well and it makes all the right numbers if we're talking economy and emissions. In other words, it really doesn't need a great deal of remedial work or that much of a big promotional push.

It seems that Peugeot just can't help itself though and has announced a special edition version of the 208.

The Style trim level is based on the popular Active version and adds a few useful extras for a reasonable premium. It's not a particularly novel way of drumming up new business, but most buyers aren't going to be too worried about that.

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The Style is offered with a trio of engines. Customers choose from either the PureTech 1.2-litre VTi petrol engine or should they prefer a diesel powerplant, there's the 1.4-litre HDi or the 1.6-litre e-HDI Stop & Start engines.

Whichever version you choose, you get a platform that has benefited from a crash diet. Peugeot has pared around 110kg off the weight of equivalent 207 models which is a huge advantage in a car so compact. As well as improving economy and emissions, cutting weight improves acceleration, braking and agility – all traditional Peugeot supermini totems. The 1.2-litre model tips the scales at

975kg, which is less than a Lotus Exige S. Let that one sink in for a moment.

The cabin is a big step ahead too and there's some novel thinking afoot. Rather than peer through the steering wheel at the gauges, Peugeot has instead made the wheel smaller and lower so that drivers will be able to look over it for an unobstructed view of the main instrument binnacle.

Higher quality finishes and a very neat infotainment system feature, while both three and five door models offer plenty more occupant space.

Increased

Not only do rear seat occupants get 5cm more knee room, they do so in a car that is 7cm shorter and 1cm lower than the old 207. That increased passenger space doesn't come at the expense of luggage capacity either, with the 208 offering an additional 1.5 cubic litres in which to stow your gear.

So what do you get for the extra £750 this Style model costs over a base 'Active'-trimmed 208?

Quite a bit as it happens. If you specified the satellite navigation system on its own onto an Active model, that would account for £400 straight off the bat, leaving you £350 to purchase a panoramic glass roof, parking sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, chrome door mirrors and better upholstery. Best of luck with that one.

Together, Peugeot tots that lot up to £1,500,



so if you were planning to tick the sat nav box and one of either the parking sensors or the glass roof (or indeed both), you're better off choosing the Style version. That's on top of equipment like 15-inch alloy wheels, the multifunction colour touchscreen, Bluetooth and USB connectivity and a split rear bench for added versatility.

In truth, this Style version of the Peugeot 208 doesn't break much in the way of new ground, but then it didn't really need to. The 208 is a brilliant small hatch and is right up there with the class best.

What's more, it feels like a car that's confi-

dent in its own skin, that once again expresses Peugeot's brand values. It's stylish, it's elegant and it's French in a good way, not French in a 'wonder what bits are about to snap?' way.

The satellite navigation and the Cielo panoramic glass roof are easily worth the £750 extra that Peugeot charges for the Style, so think of the parking sensors, the leather steering wheel trim, the chromed door mirror cappings and the better seating fabrics as freebies.

You might not have needed a particular excuse to go shopping for a Peugeot 208 but now would seem as good a time as any to grab one of the best small hatch deals around.

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Celebration offer at dealer

This weekend sees the launch of a special celebration at Greenhous Vauxhall in Telford and Shrewsbury as between today and September 15, Vauxhall is giving away a £500 cash gift card when customers order a new Vauxhall car or van during the event, which is then registered by 30 September 2014.

And that's on top of their other great offers.

The £500 cash gift is available on a wide range of brand new models, including the urban-chic ADAM city car, the Mokka compact SUV and the Corsa supermini.

The cash gift is also available in addition to Vauxhall's innovative £99 insurance offer on Corsa Excite and Limited Edition models for customers aged 18 to 20.

As well as passenger cars, the offer is also open to commercial vehicle

customers across Vauxhall's multi-award-winning van range, including Corsavan, Combo, Vivaro and Movano.

During the four-day September Celebration, customers who buy a new car can also get 20 per cent off selected Vauxhall Accessories, including a vast array of equipment such as sat navs, Thule roof boxes and bike carriers.

Speak to your local Greenhous Vauxhall for more details or visit www.greenhous.co.uk/plus/vauxhall-september-celebration

Corrie stars at Truck Show

Whilst on duty for Greenhous DAF at the Oswestry Truck Show last weekend who should parts sales executive, Andy Harley, bump into but two friends from TV soap Coronation Street.

Popular actors Jack P Shepherd, who plays David Platt in the longest-running

soap on British television, and co-star Georgia May Foote, aka Katy Armstrong were celebrity guests at the Truck Show.

Andy was on hand to give the pair a tour of the Greenhous DAF exhibition and pose for those much sought after photographs. Andy was delighted to meet the stars. "I really enjoyed meeting Jack and Georgia as did the other staff."



Greenhous sales event is hailed as a great success

Greenhous Vauxhall hold an invitation event for its customers twice a year.

The latest took place over the weekend of August 29 - 31 and it proved a very popular choice for Vauxhall customers.

At both dealerships, in Old Potts Way, Shrewsbury and Trench Lock, Telford, the staff had worked hard to transform the showrooms and give the impression of a glitzy film premier, complete with full size figures of famous film stars and celebrities.

Customers entered the showroom along a red carpet with music, lights and drapes.

They received a warm welcome from a hostess and were offered hospitality whilst waiting for their appointment.

The showrooms were full of new cars from across the Vauxhall range and many used cars were also on the forecourts.

Special deals were available to tempt the customers and many took advantage of the great offers.

The numbers of customers booking for appointments has increased over recent events a point not missed by Dan Foskett, sales manager of Vauxhall Telford.

"We experienced a 30 per cent increase in our take up for this event which is very pleasing.

"We were able to provide offers on all of our models, so there was something to suit all. All of our staff are very busy."

Over at Vauxhall Shrewsbury the



picture was repeated with Neil McKenzie, sales manager reporting so many customers taking up the invitations that they built in a separate "special day" the following Saturday, as they had fully booked all of their spaces for the invitation weekend.

He was delighted by the response and said: "Our existing customers were contacted, most by e-mail or post, to invite them to the event.

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Get a slice of the action

By John Griffiths

You can't have your cake and eat it, so the old saying goes: but like so many things in the motoring world technology has changed all that.

You can have a car that is both fast and frugal, and one of the best examples currently on the market is SEAT's Leon FR, the diesel-fuelled equivalent of the mighty Cupra.

In three-door coupe body style only, it's sleek, stylish and better equipped than many more expensive 'premium' saloons: it's also capable of tackling the 0 to 62mph in 7.4 seconds and yet it is also capable of averaging more than 62mpg with low CO2 emissions of 119g/km.

That's with the DSG automated transmission: the six-speed manual isn't any quicker but fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are a bit lower still.

But it isn't only quick in the sprint: with 380Nm of torque (more than a Porsche Cayman) from as low as 1,750rpm it pulls strongly from the word go, unleashing convincing in-gear acceleration for rapid exits to corners and effective overtaking.

There are rivals – the flagships of the diesel-powered Golf GTis and Audi A3s which are, of course, from the same stable, with the same engine. There's also the BMW 1 Series M Sport, but you'd have to pay between £2,200 and £5,000 more for one of these different badges.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder but the FR is arguably the real head-turner or the bunch, with its sculptured body work and LED headlights and taillights.

Unlike many hot hatchbacks of the past, the Leon is one of the most complete cars around, and one that will bring a smile to your face and, with room for five in comfort, it's also perfect for



transporting the family. Like all new generation Leons, there's more head and legroom and boot space is up by around ten per cent, to 390 litres with five on board.

The FR has sports suspension and the car is lowered by some 15mm, with steering that is light yet positive which makes tackling twisty roads a pleasure. The top FRs (there's also a 150Ps version) also get a multi-link suspension

system, designed to ensure maximum contact between tyre and road. And like all new-generation Leons, it's considerably lighter and has a wider track than its predecessor to improve handling.

The sharp handling doesn't come at the expense of a typically harsh sporting car ride: in fact it is notably smooth and quiet.

It has a combination of real-world perfor-

mance, passenger comfort and refinement which would make it a serious competitor in the grand tourer class.

At the car's heart is a two-litre, turbocharged diesel (the same used in the Golf and Audi) with 184ps of power, or 181bhp in old money, which for SEAT is reserved solely for FR models.

The test car was fitted with the group's DSG dual clutch, six-speed transmission which is

renowned for its smooth and responsive operation.

Naturally there are paddles behind the steering wheel for rapid manual changes. I find the DSG's electronic controls are intelligent enough for almost any conditions, but the ability to easily down shift for fine control on a steep incline, for example, is sometimes welcome.

Inside, the centre of the dash is dominated by the colour touch screen control for, among other things, the premium sound system and satnav.

Most stereo, trip and telephone controls are duplicated on the steering wheel.

The touch screen also controls, simply and intuitively, features such as the comprehensive trip computer and SEAT's driver profile system: two quick dabs of the index finger and you can rapidly set the car up in normal, eco or sport mode, or indeed to your individual preferences.

Usefully, though, you can bumble along in eco mode and do your bit for the environment but, should an overtaking opportunity present itself, a nudge of the gear selector takes you straight into sport mode, dropping a gear or two and unleashing all that power and torque.

Driver profile alters throttle response, steering feel and, in DSG versions, gearbox response, to suit the circumstances: for example in sport mode holding the lower gear to higher rpm.

In 'normal' mode, the throttle is less sharp, the steering feels lighter and the DSG will change gear hold the higher gears for longer, for better economy and smooth progress around town.

Eco mode takes that profile a little further and even alters the climate control and engine stop/start systems to maximise fuel savings.

It's part of a raft of technology fitted to the FR, much of it designed to make the car even safer. Apart from the now usual ABS and stability controls, there is a limited slip differential for improved cornering performance plus hill start assist.

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Vauxhall's hot Astra GTC

By David Banner

An Astra GTC is available with a powerful 1.6-litre direct injection petrol engine, priced from just £20,995 on-the-road.

First seen in the Cascada convertible, and packing 200PS and 300Nm of torque, the four cylinder unit allows the GTC to achieve a top speed of 143mph and 0-60mph time in 7.3 seconds, making it the fastest non-VXR model in the Astra range.

Peak power and torque are increased by up to 30 per cent over the previous 1.6-litre turbo model, yet fuel consumption of 51mpg combined and emissions of 154g/km have meant a 13 per cent improvement in efficiency.

The engine brings sector-leading refinement to the Astra GTC range. It is the only unit in its class to feature twin balancer shafts for smooth running, while a host of sound engineering measures have been made for low noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

Priced from £855, Vauxhall also introduced the innovative IntelliLink infotainment system to the Astra GTC range.

Intuitive and user-friendly, the system features satellite navigation, voice control, Bluetooth phone and audio connectivity, picture viewer and Gracenote album art, all via its high-resolution 7in touch-screen display.

In addition, the top-of-the-range Navi 950 IntelliLink contains Europe-wide street

level mapping with updates easily downloadable via USB.

Drivers can also have incoming text messages read out to them, as well as integrating their smartphones' own voice recognition functions.

"We've strengthened our Astra GTC offering with a strong and powerful 1.6-litre petrol engine and the cutting-edge IntelliLink infotainment system," said Stuart Harris, Vauxhall's head of carline brand.

"Vauxhall is really throwing down the gauntlet to UK coupe sector rivals with these enhancements to our Astra GTC range."

Lifetime

With the Astra GTC and all models in its passenger car range, Vauxhall gives peace of mind for the life of the vehicle via its industry-leading Lifetime Warranty.

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Vauxhall has also made the top-selling Astra available with a super-smooth generation 1.6 CDTi engine, Vauxhall's cleanest-ever mid-size diesel.

Previously only available on the Zafira Tourer and the Meriva, the new 1.6 CDTi engine is now set to enhance the Astra's appeal as Vauxhall continues to significantly refresh its powertrain offer.

The much-lauded engine is available in two power outputs: 110PS and 136PS, in both hatchback and Sports Tourer body styles.

The 110PS version achieves 76.3mpg combined with CO2 emission of just 97g/km, and 72.4mpg combined and 104g/km in 136PS guise.



'It is the only unit in its class to feature twin balancer shafts.'

Quiet and refined, the 1.6 CDTi is one of the best engines in its class for noise and vibration thanks to an efficient combustion process with multiple injection, re-designed components and the use of acoustic covers.

Already Euro 6-compliant, the engine is

best-in-class in noise and vibration generation.

Not only is the 1.6 CDTi super-refined, it's also clean and powerful, too.

A high-pressure common rail injection system and lean NOx trap exhaust-after treatment (LNT) improve efficiency, while a variable turbine turbocharger help make the new diesel a strong performer, too.

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A surprisingly busy month for wildlife

IT may seem surprising to some, but September is probably the busiest month in the wildlife calendar. Whereas there is of course plenty of new life in spring, in September many of those young animals are busy eking out lives for themselves as adults.

In the air the swallows, martins and swifts begin to line up on telegraph poles and think about leaving our shores, whilst others think about moving in towards the end of the month.

There are the passage migrants too that turn up in unexpected places, such as the osprey I've just returned from watching down at my local mere – quite a turn up for the books and a sighting I will treasure as mine alone for the rest of my time.

In our rivers and streams and right across many of our waterways young insect life, hatched from the long-gone adults of summer, are alive and well and a cause for great feasting by the fish species, again both old and young.

Flitting

In the undergrowth, the garden birds are still flitting to and fro although many are still undergoing the moult and can look a little worse for wear.

The flowers that wooed insects with their colours and enticed them with their heady scent, have been replaced with berries and fruits.

This in turn of course attracts a whole host of mini-beasts, eager to cash in on this rich larder.

The small mammals are hoovering up the insects and annelids (worms to you and me) and they too are experiencing larger-than-normal numbers as there is enough food to keep this tiny insectivores alive until the cold of October and November cuts their numbers down to natural size.

These in turn mean that owls and their now-independent chicks have a brief bounty of available food and it is perhaps not an exaggeration to say that the next few weeks are the best time of all to

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



see a tawny or barn owl. The smaller garden favourites of wrens, robins, tits and finches can be offered food at this time of the year but much of their natural food is still available in the countryside, so don't be surprised if at first you seem to experience a drop in numbers.

The aforementioned owls, although not always seen on an old wooden post in dramatic light (a favourite subject of mine!) can find a more organic resting place in the hollows and boughs of some of our largest trees and it is these, again in September, that are arguably at their best or at least, their most theatrical.

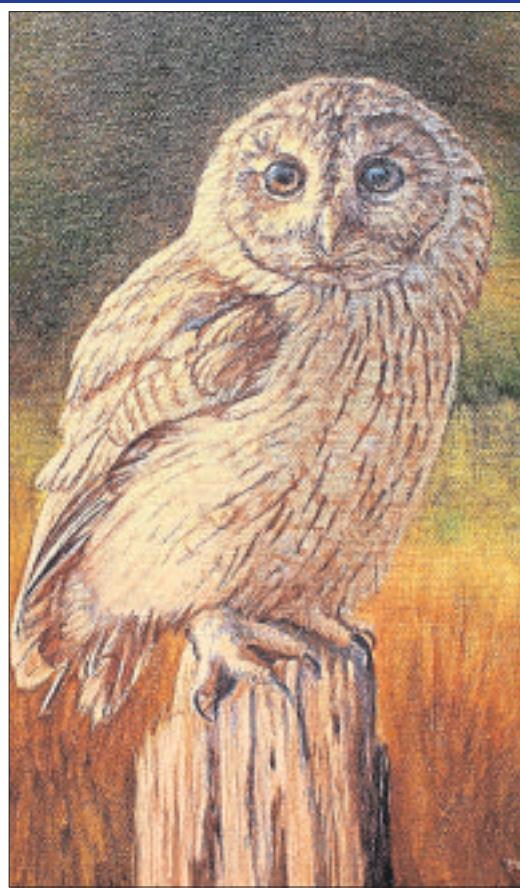
The horse-chestnut trees have been showing signs of the changing season for several weeks, already with their large palmate leaves browning at the edges like they have passed too near to a naked flame.

As many a small boy and girl will know, the horse-chestnut also yields up its seeds this month in the form of conkers which drop to the ground in their spiky green cases.

If the tragic clutches of 'health and safety' have grabbed onto your school thus ruling out conkers as a game, then you need not despair too much, for it is not only curious humans who find these seeds captivating.

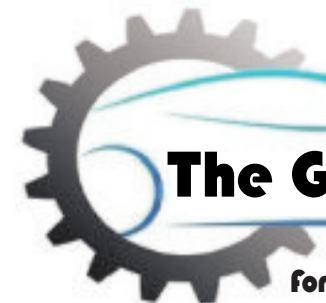
Squirrels and smaller rodents will be after any that are left and as I've mentioned throughout this column, others will thrillingly follow.

Ben's original paintings can be viewed in Callaghan's Gallery, Shrewsbury.



Tawny owl – oil on canvas – by Ben Waddams

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Doors open to visitors at old property

AN HISTORIC workhouse will be opening its doors this weekend for a host of workshops, music performances and activities.

The artists, musicians and craftspeople based at Llanfyllin Workhouse will be welcoming in visitors on Saturday and Sunday to find out about the workhouse, both in history and in the present day.

Jane Lane, spokeswoman for the Workhouse, said: "This is a unique opportunity to discover one of Britain's best preserved Victorian workhouses, dating from 1838."

"However, the weekend will not only offer guided tours to see the historical aspects of the building which is undergoing a slow process of repair and preservation, but also the opportunity to visit a number of creative and artistic enterprises which are now renting portions of the building and thus supporting the restoration progress from a business footing."

"The workhouse has achieved huge progress in the last decade, and is now host to 14 tenants and a sizeable clutch of small businesses - both developed and start-up which have chosen to come and grow their businesses in the premises and support its growth."

"There are a number of artists of various styles, a well-established music recording and production studio, and a songwriter studio, an award-winning leatherworker, a sewing school, and interior design business, there are educational classes and a strong Green Hub influence."

"There are music lessons, a history centre, and a regular free professionally maintained open mic run by the Beehouse Recording Studio, a bunkhouse, a bar and refreshment facilities. There's even a thriving tenants' association."

"It's a very positive story of success in these times of recession."

"Of course there's a long way to go, and the workhouse continues to need community support and the goodwill of volunteers in order to help with the massive project of restoring the building to its former condition and finding valuable uses for it."

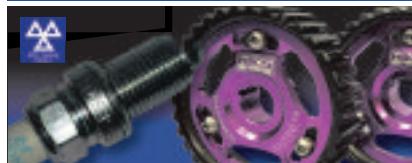
Events this weekend include craft stalls, live music from a harpist, singing and a history display on the workhouse. The workhouse will be open from 10am to 5pm.

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THE CLUES

3542 is a flower,
15119 is another flower,
873 is a tree,
1762 is another tree.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Cambridge is to Goldie as Oxford is to ?

ASHMOLE, GILES, ISIS, PUSEY, WOLFSON

2. Kitchen is to Foyle as Branagh is to ?
BARNABY, FROST, MORSE, TAGGART, WALLANDER3. Carlsberg is to Denmark as Pilsener is to ?
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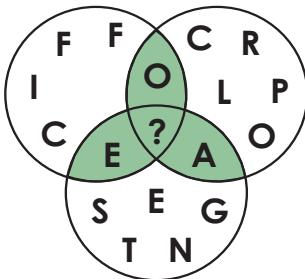
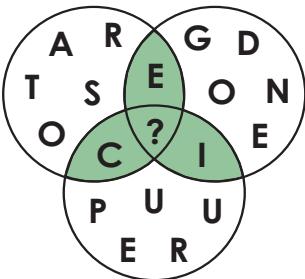


Kevin paid for his shopping with a £50 note. If he had spent £6.80 more, he would have received a third as much change. How much did he spend?

Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

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SATURDAY

**Match of the Day**

10.50pm
Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Manchester City, Chelsea v Swansea City, Liverpool v Aston Villa, Crystal Palace v Burnley, Southampton v Newcastle United, Stoke City v Leicester City, Sunderland v Tottenham Hotspur and West Bromwich Albion v Everton.

**The Invictus Games**

9pm
Action from the third day of the Paralympic-style multi-sport event from London, which is designed for wounded soldiers. Today's featured events were road cycling at the Lee Valley VeloPark, wheelchair basketball from the Copper Box Arena and indoor rowing at Here East. Presented by Jonathan Edwards.

**The Chase: Celebrity Special**

7pm
Len Goodman, Mark Foster, Amy Willerton and Kelle Bryan compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trivia experts. However, they must work as a team to build their prize pot and stay one step ahead of the Chaser. Bradley Walsh hosts.

**Peter Kay: Live & Back on Nights! Part Two**

9pm
In the conclusion of the two-part documentary, the comedian provides a behind-the-scenes look at his 18 months on the road throughout 2010 and 2011, playing 140 stand-up shows for 1.2 million fans. The programme also includes additional material from the tour.

**Most Shocking Reality TV Moments**

9.20pm
A celebration of the nation's love affair with reality TV, showcasing the 50 most memorable moments from some of the best-loved shows. Featuring contributions by Calum Best, Charlotte Crosby, Amy Childs, Paul Danan, Janice Dickinson, Dane Bowers and Vanessa Feltz.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** New series. Tom Kerridge guest presents the cooking show, with recipes by Rick Stein and Jon Rotheram, and Jane Parkinson chooses the drinks to match the dishes in the studio.
11.30 **The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice.** Jo Brand is joined by three celebrity fans to discuss how the competitors fared and chat to the baker who was eliminated on Wednesday. (R)
12.00 **BBC News: Weather.**
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, as the Premier League returns after a brief international break.
12.50 **Saturday Sportday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 **Live Invictus Games.** Coverage of the third day of the Paralympic-style multi-sport event from London, which is designed for wounded soldiers. This afternoon's featured events are road cycling at the Lee Valley VeloPark and wheelchair basketball from the Copper Box Arena, while indoor rowing took place this morning at Here East. Presented by Jonathan Edwards.
4.30 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.10 **Celebrity Mastermind.** Shaun Keaveny, Mark Watson, Bumby Campione and Frank Cottrell Boyce answer questions on Led Zeppelin, The Canterbury Tales, Stewart Granger and Oliver Postgate. (R)
5.40 **BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**
6.00 **Tumble: The Grand Final.** The six finalists perform a series of routines and challenges, including the dreaded vault, in the hope that viewers will choose them as the winner. Last in the series.
7.30 **Doctor Who.** The Time Lord and Clara are confronted by ghosts of the past and future, sending them to the very end of the universe. Sci-fi adventure, starring Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman.
8.20 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws with Gaby Roslin.
9.10 **Last Night of the Proms.** Sakari Oramo takes to the podium to conduct the concluding part of this year's Proms finale, featuring violinist Janine Jansen and baritone Roderick Williams. Highlights of the Last Night celebrations from all four parks can be seen via the red button.
10.35 **BBC News: Weather.**
10.50 **Match of the Day.** Including Arsenal v Manchester City; **National Lottery Update.**
12.25 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Charlton Athletic v Watford. Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.45 **BBC News.**
1.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**

BBC2

6.00 **Film: The Falcon in Danger** (1943). Detective thriller, starring Tom Conway.
7.10 **The Falcon in Mexico** (1944). Detective thriller, starring Tom Conway.
8.20 **Film: Home on the Range** (2004). Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Roseanne Barr.
9.30 **The Trials of Life.** Birth in the animal kingdom. (R)
10.20 **The Trials of Life.** How animals raise their young. (R)
11.10 **The Trials of Life.** The quest for food. (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein's German Bite.** The chef samples the best seafood from the north German coast. (R)
1.00 **Judi Dench: Talking Pictures.** A profile of the actress.
1.35 **Film: The Importance of Being Earnest** (2002). Oscar Wilde comedy, starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth.
3.05 **Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a detached house in Wiltshire. (R)
4.05 **Tropic of Capricorn.** Simon Reeve sees the sights of Chile and Brazil. Last in the series. (R)
5.05 **Alex Polizzi: The Fixer.** Alex travels to Kirklington, North Yorkshire, to meet the Keebles, a family of sausage-makers who need the supermarkets to sell their products for their company to survive. (R)
6.05 **Flog It!** Paul Martin helps individuals make money selling their antiques at auction in Oldham, Greater Manchester. With experts Anita Manning and Kate Bliss.
7.00 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge of the platoon, gambling that a taste of authority will give him a more responsible attitude. (R)
7.30 **Last Night of the Proms.** Part one of two. Katie Derham introduces the final concert of the season, featuring William Walton's Popular Song from Façade and Malcolm Arnold's Peterloo Overture. Coverage continues on BBC1 at 9.10pm.
9.00 **The Invictus Games.** Action from the third day of the Paralympic-style multi-sport event from London, which is designed for wounded soldiers.
10.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the peculiar panel quiz, with Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Susan Calman and Alan Davies answering questions on places that start with J. (R)
10.45 **TOTP2.** Presenter Mark Radcliffe trawls through the archives, unearthing clips of Mott the Hoople, Terry Wogan, the Spice Girls, Blondie and the Smiths. (R)
11.45 **Film: Summer** (2008). A middle-aged man learns his childhood best friend is dying and is forced to confront past mistakes that may have ruined several lives. Drama, with Robert Carlyle and Steve Evets.
1.05 **Film: Female Agents** (2008). Premiere. French servicewomen and resistance fighters work to kill a German colonel and rescue an army geologist. Second World War drama, with Sophie Marceau and Julie Depardieu.
2.55 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge** 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.40 Stan 6.40 Dino Dan 6.50 Dino Dan 7.05 Canimals 7.10 Canimals 7.20 Om Nom Stories 7.25 Sooty 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 7.55 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.20 Nerds & Monsters 8.30 Chowder 8.45 Chowder 9.00 The Aquabats Super Show
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge conclude their tour of the Isles of Scilly on St Martin's. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Cabot Cove is plagued by burglary and murder. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.30 **Film: Columbo: Now You See Him** (1976). A stage magician kills a nightclub manager to cover up his past as a Nazi war criminal, but Columbo sees through his alibi. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Jack Cassidy.
1.15 **Catchphrase.** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
2.00 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Reality TV star Mark Wright and singer Jane McDonald take part. (R)
3.00 **The X Factor.** The search for a superstar continues. (R)
4.00 **Film: The Queen** (2006). Fact-based drama about how the royal family and Tony Blair dealt with the aftermath of the death of Princess Diana. Starring an Oscar-winning Helen Mirren, with Michael Sheen.
6.05 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos. Holly Willoughby's husband risks everything to catch a glimpse of her in the nude. (R)
7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Strictly Come Dancing Judge Len Goodman, former Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, model Amy Willerton and Eternal's Kelle Bryan take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Limited places at boot camp are at stake as the acts who impressed at the first auditions move on to Wembley Arena for their second performances. Dermot O'Leary hosts.
9.20 **Through the Keyhole.** Jimmy Carr, Natalie Anderson and Dave Berry make up this week's panel as Keith Lemon tours mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.40 **Film: United 93** (2006). Fact-based drama about the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks, which was stopped from reaching its target by the passengers. With Christian Clemenson.
12.35 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **NFL: Rush Zone.** Animation about a young American football fan.
6.40 **Trans World Sport.** Including an interview with Marc Marquez.
7.35 **The Grid.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.** Nick Luck and guests preview this afternoon's racing at Doncaster.
9.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's jealousy is aroused. (R)
9.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
9.55 **Frasier.** (R)
10.25 **Frasier.** (R)
10.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
11.20 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
11.50 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
12.15 **The Simpsons.** Lisa makes a shocking discovery. (R)
12.45 **The Simpsons.** Homer becomes Mr Burns' assistant. (R)
1.10 **Gadget Man.** Richard Ayoade and Phillip Jupitus go on a day out. (R)
1.40 **Channel 4 Racing.** Clare Balding and Nick Luck present coverage of the final day of the St Leger meeting at Doncaster, where the feature race is the 3.50 St Leger plus two races from Chester.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Gemma Willcock hosts the first party in the West Midlands. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Andrew Devey throws the second party in the West Midlands. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Vegetarian Jules Evans plans a medieval-themed dinner. (R)
5.45 **Come Dine with Me.** Lucy Hird hosts the fourth dinner party from the West Midlands. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Mental-health nurse Lloyd Cast hosts the final dinner party from the West Midlands and has planned a chilled evening to allow his food to take centre stage. (R)
6.45 **Channel 4 News.**
7.05 **Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money.** The property expert meets families pooling their resources to live together under one roof, including the Osbornes from Essex, who want to create a modern mansion for £150,000. (R)
8.00 **Grand Designs.** A couple begin an ambitious project to transform a small, damp bungalow in Cornwall into a cutting-edge family home with an extra floor and reinforced walls, all for just £80,000. (R)
9.00 **Peter Kay: Live & Back on Nights! Part Two.** Two parts of two. Behind the scenes with the comedian on tour. (R)
10.00 **Film: Sleepy Hollow** (1999). A sceptical 18th-century detective takes on a headless horseman who decapitates his victims. Tim Burton's gothic horror, with Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci and Miranda Richardson.
12.05 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** (R)
1.05 **Film: The Darjeeling Limited** (2007). Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson.
2.40 **Homeland.** (R)
3.35 **Hollyoaks.**
5.40 **Street Velodrome.**

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 **Roary the Racing Car** 6.15 **Angelina Ballerina** 6.30 **Bubble Guppies** 6.45 **The Mr Men Show** 6.55 **Chloe's Closet** 7.15 **Oily the Little White Van** 7.20 **Baroness in Pyjamas** 7.40 **Make Way for Noddy** 7.55 **Little Princess** 8.10 **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** 8.30 **Wanda and the Alien** 8.45 **Rupert Bear** 9.00 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** 9.15 **Jelly Jamm** 9.30 **LazyTown**
10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.05 **The Secret Life of Pets.** Documentary exploring people's relationships with their animals. (R)
10.30 **Police Interceptors.** An inspector tries to stop a man committing suicide. (R)
11.25 **Ultimate Police Interceptors.** Jason is called to the scene of a bludgeoning. (R)
12.25 **Police Interceptors.** Jon Moon and his dog Kanto chase down burglary suspects. Last in the series. (R)
1.25 **Film: The Big Country** (1958). Western, starring Gregory Peck.
4.40 **Film: Wyatt Earp** (1994). Western, starring Kevin Costner.
8.10 **World War II in Colour.** Actor Robert Powell narrates the story of the global conflict, told using colourised archive footage, state-of-the-art terrain mapping and cutting-edge computer graphics and based on government papers and previously classified files. The first edition examines how political and economic chaos in the aftermath of the First World War allowed Hitler in Germany, Mussolini in Italy and ultra-nationalists in imperial Japan to seize power, with the failure of Britain, France and the United States to confront initial acts of aggression being seen as signs of weakness. (R)
9.15 **5 News Weekend.**
9.20 **Most Shocking Reality TV Moments.** A celebration of the nation's long-running love affair with reality TV, revealing the 50 most memorable moments from some of the best-loved shows including TOWIE and Big Brother.
12.15 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **Once Upon a Time.** Cora sends Hook to retrieve the magic compass, while Rumpelstiltskin and Regina concoct a plan to destroy the portal and kill anyone who tries to use it to reach Storybrooke. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** Ann Maurice heads for Sandhurst, Berkshire, where she offers advice to the owner of a four-bedroom house that has been left with a distinctly unfinished feeling. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** As the last day approaches the team starts feeling the pressure, having sold only 50 of the 200 tickets. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY

**Countryfile**

7pm

Jules Hudson is in Norfolk, where he gets privileged access to the Ministry of Defence training grounds. Anita Rani explores the history of the humble shepherd's hut, and Charlotte Smith investigates how there are still large parts of rural Britain with little or no mobile phone coverage.

**Mock the Week**

10.15pm

Host Dara O Briain and regulars Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons are joined by Ed Byrne, Gary Delaney, Katherine Ryan and Josh Widdicombe for the topical comedy quiz. The panellists give their take on the week's major news stories and participate in a series of stand-up spots and improvised games.

**Midsomer Murders**

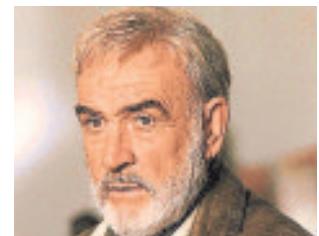
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The peace of the sleepy hamlet of Little Worthy is disturbed when a man's body is found tied down in a miniature village – just like the hero in classic tale *Gulliver's Travels*. As the investigation begins, Barnaby has no shortage of suspects, but the case takes a twist when the killer strikes again.

**Richard Attenborough: A Life**

7pm

A tribute to the late actor, director and social activist who died last month at the age of 90. Attenborough made his name with stand-out performances on the silver screen, before turning his attention to roles behind the camera. Here, Steven Spielberg and other stars share their memories of his life and career.

**The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**

7.10pm

Fearless hunter Allan Quatermain teams up with a host of other characters from Victorian literature to put a stop to the nefarious Fantom's evil plot to bring about a world war. Fantasy adventure, starring Sean Connery and Shane West.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.25 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Manchester City, Chelsea v Swansea City and Liverpool v Aston Villa. (R)

9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Actor Roger Moore speaks to Sian Williams about his time spent playing James Bond, and the qualities needed to be a hero in real life.

11.00 **Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.

12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion with the Match of the Day team, focusing on the headlines from yesterday's matches and news ahead of today's fixtures. This programme is simulcast on Radio 5 Live.

1.00 **BBC News: Weather.**
1.15 **Live Invictus Games.** Coverage of the fourth and final day of the Paralympic-style multi-sport event from London, which is designed for wounded soldiers.

4.15 **Points of View.** New series. The viewer-driven review show returns.

4.30 **The Great British Bake Off.** The remaining six bakers create European cakes, including a Swedish princess torte and their own version of a Hungarian multi-layered dobos torte. (R)

5.30 **Songs of Praise.** The harvest season is celebrated and Claire McCollum visits Kenya.

6.05 **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** Steve Backshall and the crew reach the remote island of South Georgia, before travelling to Antarctica, their final destination, where the naturalist dives with a leopard seal.

6.35 **BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Shauna Lowry and Helen Skelton meet the teams representing Scotland and Wales in this year's One Man and His Dog competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** New series. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland, where the experts advise the Queen about a curious collection of items in the royal residence.

9.00 **The Village.** Bill Gibby returns to the village as the new councillor for Sheffield and reveals his plans for a reservoir, while Martha and Eye make plans for the future. Last in the series.

10.00 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman presents highlights of Manchester United v Queens Park Rangers at Old Trafford in the Premier League.

11.20 **Film: She's Out of My League (2010).** An average man begins a relationship with a beautiful and clever woman, but is haunted by the fear that she can do better than him. Romantic comedy, with Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve.

1.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **Countryfile. (R)**
7.00 **Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R)**
8.00 **Gardeners' World. (R)**
8.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.**
9.00 **The Football League Show.** Highlights include Charlton Athletic v Watford. (R)

10.20 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.

11.50 **Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook.** The food writer helps people who lack confidence in the kitchen. (R)

12.20 **Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds.** A Caribbean banana tarte Tatin. (R)

12.50 **Film: Tycoon (1947).** Romantic drama, starring John Wayne and Laraine Day.

2.55 **Escape to the Country.** Property hunters search for a new home in Lincolnshire. (R)

3.40 **Flog It!** From Worthing, West Sussex.

4.40 **Equator.** The islands of western Indonesia. (R)

5.40 **Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves.** Part one of two. Documentary revealing how exotic animals are moved around the world every day and how they cope with the process, including penguins and a hippo. (R)

6.40 **Film: StreetDance 2 (2012).** Premiere. The leader of a dance crew seeks the help of a Cuban salsa teacher in coming up with a new style to perform in a competition. Drama, starring Falk Hentschel and Tom Conti.

8.00 **The Invictus Games – Closing Concert.** For the past four days, wounded, sick and injured servicemen and women from across the world have been competing in a series of sporting events. But now the last medal has been won, it's time for them to unwind – and there's a host of stars lining up to help them celebrate their remarkable achievements at the Invictus Games Closing Concert held at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London. Clara Balding and Greg James present performances from Foo Fighters, Kaiser Chiefs, Ellie Goulding, Rizzle Kicks, Ryan Adams, the Vamps and Diversity, as well as a couple of acts for whom the Games may have an extra special meaning - former soldier James Blunt and the Military Wives Choirs. Plus, the athletes will also be given their moment in the spotlight during a medallion ceremony paying tribute to all the inspirational participants.

10.15 **Mock the Week.** With Ed Byrne, Gary Delaney, Katherine Ryan and Josh Widdicombe. (R)

10.45 **Film: Blade Runner: The Final Cut (1982).** A detective is sent to kill four renegade androids searching for their creator in a bleak future Los Angeles. Ridley Scott's sci-fi thriller, with Harrison Ford and Rutger Hauer.

12.40 **Dangerous Days: Making Blade Runner.** An in-depth look at the making of the classic sci-fi movie, featuring contributions from director Ridley Scott and stars Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer and Daryl Hannah.

2.20 **Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)**
3.10 **Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)**
4.10 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Pat & Stan **6.40** Dino Dan **6.50** Dino Dan **7.05** Canimals **7.10** Canimals **7.20** Om Nom Stories **7.25** Sooty **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.55** Ultimate Spider-Man **8.20** Nerds & Monsters **8.30** Big Time Rush **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show

9.25 **Dickinson's Real Deal.** From Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. (R)

10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** An animal rights activist is killed by a snake. (R)

11.25 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

11.30 **Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966).** Comedy, starring Sid James.

1.15 **The X Factor.** The acts move on to Wembley Arena for their second auditions. (R)

2.30 **Film: Always (1989).** The ghost of a pilot is unable to rest until he helps his girlfriend learn to move on with her life. Steven Spielberg's romantic fantasy, with Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter.

4.45 **Midsomer Murders.** A man's body is found tied down in a miniature village. Detective drama, guest starring Jessie Birdsall and Olivia Colman, with John Nettles and Jason Hughes. (R)

6.35 **ITV News Central; Weather.**

6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**

7.00 **Sunday Night at the Palladium.** New series. Variety show from the West End theatre, featuring a different host each week. Stephen Mulhern welcomes Alfie Boe, Little Mix, Alan Davies and Bryan Adams to the stage.

8.00 **The X Factor.** Having proved themselves in front of the panel, the hopefuls now perform in front of an audience of almost 5,000 as the Wembley Arena auditions continue. Dermot O'Leary presents.

9.00 **The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: The Ties That Bind.** The private inquiry agent is hired by a West Country landowner to follow his wife as she meets her lover, but this seemingly straightforward adultery case soon takes a dark twist.

11.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

11.20 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights from the second weekend of the season, with matches including Harlequins v Saracens, Exeter Chiefs v Leicester Tigers and Wasps v Northampton Saints.

12.20 **The Store.** Home shopping. **2.55** **Motorsport UK.** Highlights of the Porsche Carrera Cup and Ginetta Junior Championship from Knockhill. Commentary by Richard John Neil.

3.40 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Action from both races in the ninth round of the season, which came from Donington Park, where England's Shane Byrne was looking to extend his lead in the standings.

4.35 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.35 **NFL: The American Football Show.** Highlights from the opening week of the NFL campaign. (R)

7.30 **British F3.** The fifth round of the season from Brands Hatch.

8.00 **World Superbikes.** Action from both races of the 10th round of the season.

8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert asks Ray to lend him a suitcase. (R)

9.00 **Fraser.** Martin starts work as a security guard. (R)

9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Sarah Cox, Lee Ryan, Ellie Simmonds and Maximo Park.

12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A futuristic home designed to save space. (R)

1.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard returns from space. (R)

2.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Stuart and Raj host a Halloween party. Buzz Aldrin guest stars. (R)

2.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon upsets Stephen Hawking when they play an online game. (R)

2.55 **The Simpsons.** With the guest voice of Kirk Douglas. (R)

3.30 **Film: Star Trek: Generations (1994).** Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Patrick Stewart and William Shatner.

5.45 **Deal or No Deal.** Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 - if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won.

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Richard Attenborough: A Life.** A tribute to the late actor, director and social activist who died last month at the age of 90, with contributions by Steven Spielberg, Kenneth Branagh and Anthony Hopkins.

8.00 **The Real Noah's Ark: Secret History.** Inspired by his discovery of an ancient tablet shedding light on the biblical tale, Irving Finkel and a team of archaeological boat builders set out to construct a real Noah's ark.

9.00 **Houdini.** The illusionist and escape artist conducts a battle against the spiritualists whose practices he believes to be fraudulent. Conclusion of the two-part drama, starring Adrien Brody.

10.50 **Film: Jennifer's Body (2009).** A cheerleader is possessed by a flesh-eating demon and systematically seduces and devours the male population of her high school. Comedy horror, with Megan Fox and Amanda Seyfried.

12.45 **American Football Live.** San Francisco 49ers v Chicago Bears (Kick-off 1.30am). Nat Coombs is joined by Mike Carlson to present coverage of the week two fixture from Levi's Stadium.

5.00 **British F3.** Highlights of the fifth round of the season from Brands Hatch. (R)

5.30 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)**

5.35 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.**

5.45 **Deal or No Deal.** Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 - if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bubble Guppies **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.15** Olly the Little White Van **7.20** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.35** Make Way for Noddy **7.55** Little Princess **8.10** The Adventures of Bottie Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.25** Wanda and the Alien **8.45** Rupert Bear **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown

10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)

10.05 **Police Interceptors.** Using automatic number-plate recognition to identify stolen vehicles. (R)

11.05 **Police Interceptors.** Officers conduct a 48-hour hunt for a thief who stole a 4x4, and the Essex chopper team co-ordinates a manhunt when three high-profile suspects flee into a field full of cows. (R)

12.05 **Police Interceptors.** The team dons gear on New Year's Eve to deal with a knife-wielding man, and the Air Support Unit lends a hand in a chase across six lanes of traffic. (R)

1.05 **Film: The Journey of Natty Gann (1985).** Disney adventure, starring Meredith Salenger.

3.00 **Film: What a Girl Wants (2003).** Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes.

5.00 **Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971).** Musical fantasy, with Gene Wilder.

7.05 **5 News Weekend.** Round-up of the day's headlines from around the world.

7.10 **Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003).** Comic-book fantasy adventure, starring Sean Connery and Shane West. Edited for daytime broadcast. Part of Movie Icons Day.

9.00 **Film: The Rock (1996).** An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. Edited for language. Part of Movie Icons Day.

11.45 **Film: Lord of War (2005).** A New York criminal gains access to a vast supply of Soviet weaponry and become one of the world's most notorious arms dealers. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Ethan Hawke. Edited for language.

1.50 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.10 **Once Upon a Time.** Ruby implicates Regina in the murder of Archie and the whole town thinks that she is guilty – except Emma, who refuses to arrest her on such flimsy evidence. (R)

4.00 **House Doctor.** Home improvement highlights from the series. (R)

4.25 **Make It Big.** The charity evening gets under way. (R)

4.50 **Make It Big.** Young entrepreneurs set up shop in Nottingham. (R)

5.15 **Angels of Jarm. (R)**

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5.30 **Angels of Jarm. (R)**

5.40 **Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

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Wide boy Williams winging in for COBRA

High fives as Saints turn on the style

GAP Connah's Quay 1 TNS 5

TWO second half goals from Greg Draper kept The New Saints riding high at the top of the Welsh Premier with a five-star victory at GAP Connah's Quay.

Draper continued his excellent campaign with his brace, taking his tally to five for the season, which followed earlier strikes from former Wrexham duo Adrian Cieslewicz and Alex Darlington.

Substitute Chris Seagren had the final word with the goal of the game from the edge of the box deep in injury time as the Saints maintained their unbeaten start to move two points clear.

In what was a lively start, ex-TNS wing-half Luke Holden broke forward inside the first couple of minutes for the hosts, but smashed the ball over the bar.

Sam Finley was in the thick of the action

for the Saints, the tenacious midfielder narrowly firing over the bar with an audacious lob from 40 yards, while moments later his inviting cross was met by Ryan Fraughan but the former Tranmere Rovers winger could only plant his header wide.

And it was the Saints who broke the deadlock on 27 minutes when Polish wing-half Cieslewicz cut in from the right hand side and fired an unstoppable strike into the net.

Spurred by the goal, the Saints continued to push with Fraughan and Draper testing keeper Terry McCormick with close range efforts, but GAP also went close to levelling before the break when defender George Horan headed inches wide from a corner.

The visitors had the final chance of what was an entertaining first half when Draper controlled the ball in the box, before firing just over from a tight angle.

The second half began in a similar manner with both sides pushing forward and New Zealand striker Draper nearly doubled the lead inside two minutes when forcing an excellent stop from Finley's fine pass.

But they were not to be denied in the 52nd minute when Darlington was picked out by Fraughan before calmly rolling the ball under McCormick in goal.

The chances continued to flow, Fraughan firing a powerful shot just wide after linking up with Chris Marriott before Draper added a third on 68 minutes when, left in space, he latched onto an excellent ball from substitute Scott Quigley and confidently slotted into the net from eight yards.

However, GAP gave themselves hope of retrieving the game when Jack Rowlands managed to bundle in a corner five minutes

later after the visitors had failed to clear. However, the fightback did not last long as Draper grabbed his second goal of the game 10 minutes from time after Simon Spender's terrific cross had found the striker in the box.

The Saints were not finished, Finley carving an opening after picking up the ball inside his own half and dribbling into the box before unleashing a terrific effort that flew just wide of the post.

Draper went close to his hat-trick when foiled by home keeper McCormick after being played in by former Connah's Quay man Ryan Edwards who appeared as substitute in the last 10 minutes.

But a fifth goal did arrive three minutes into injury time when midfielder Seagren rifled his strike from the edge of the box into the top corner to seal the victory.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown A	21	18	3	0	33-140	54
Rubion A	21	16	5	0	27-122	46
Chir A	21	14	7	0	23-311	40
Whittington A	21	12	8	1	21-117	37
Cliffton A	21	14	7	0	19-151	36
Cenrig Valley A	21	10	10	1	13-361	33
Church A	21	12	9	0	18-112	32
Orton A	21	9	12	0	15-155	30
Flexys A	21	7	14	0	14-185	28
Hinton B	21	6	13	2	2-273	26
Conwen A	21	6	14	1	1-297	22
Llanymynech A	21	3	17	1	1-787	17

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llanellen A	21	15	6	0	4-491	33
Weston Rhyn A	21	14	7	3	3-304	19
Overton A	21	14	7	0	6-331	18
George	21	11	8	2	2-271	14
Ye Olde Croft A	21	9	10	2	4-456	10
Llanymynech A	21	8	11	2	3-361	10
Llanymynech A	21	7	12	0	1-189	9
Church B	21	10	11	0	1-177	7
Flexys C	21	9	11	1	1-86	6
Hinton C	21	7	14	0	1-197	5
Black Lion	21	7	12	0	2-238	4

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	21	17	4	0	4-101	50
Ellesmere B	21	14	6	1	5-181	35
Whittington B	21	16	5	0	5-363	34
Johnstown D	21	12	9	0	4-143	31
Whittington E	21	10	12	0	1-108	11
Plas Kynaston A	21	12	8	1	4-98	11
Plas Kynaston B	21	9	11	0	0-98	9
Cenrig Valley B	21	9	12	0	5-97	9
Chir AAA B	21	8	13	0	2-238	8
Weston Rhyn C	21	6	14	1	3-322	8
Flexys B	21	5	14	2	4-43	8
Church C	21	5	16	0	7-87	6

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon B	21	19	2	0	4-501	57
Bersham	21	17	4	0	5-691	42
Fox Lane	21	17	3	1	1-170	17
Cenrig Valley C	21	10	11	0	1-127	11
Llanymynech B	21	10	12	0	0-151	9
Orton B	21	9	12	0	0-122	7
Llanymynech D	21	9	11	1	1-62	8
Church B	21	11	10	0	1-161	5
Chir AAA C	21	9	12	0	2-94	5
Whittington C	21	6	12	0	1-90	1
Royston B	21	6	12	0	3-152	2
Flexys D	21	5	12	1	1-38	1
Whittington D	21	4	15	2	2-52	6

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown F	21	17	2	2	5-731	40
Plas Kynaston B	21	13	7	1	2-371	25
Church D	21	13	9	1	1-187	21
Overton C	21	10	10	1	0-130	11
Orton A	21	9	11	1	0-122	10
Llanymynech D	21	9	11	1	1-62	8
Church B	21	11	10	0	1-161	5
Chir AAA C	21	9	12	0	2-94	5
Whittington C	21	6	12	0	1-90	1
Royston B	21	6	12	0	3-152	2
Flexys D	21	5	12	1	1-38	1
Whittington D	21	4	15	2	2-52	6

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon C	17	15	2	0	4-787	32
Ye Olde Croft B	18	12	6	0	5-203	17
Weston Rhyn D	18	13	5	0	5-205	17
Johnstown C	18	10	8	0	4-262	9
Llanymynech B	17	9	8	0	4-183	8
Weston Rhyn E	17	6	11	0	1-159	7
Church E	17	6	11	0	4-186	6
Llanymynech E	17	4	12	1	4-106	3
Llanymynech F	17	5	12	0	2-291	6
Cynwyd C	17	5	12	0	3-377	6

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn A	17	13	4	4	4-133	37
Llanymynech A	11	8	11	2	8-270	26
Royston A	19	11	8	1	8-158	26
Whittington B	11	8	7	4	8-74	21
Johnstown A	17	9	10	0	4-262	19
Llanymynech B	17	9	10	0	4-218	19
Cenrig Valley A	19	8	11	2	8-170	18
Overton A	18	8	11	1	8-138	17
Church Club A	19	8	11	2	8-126	17
Whittington C	18	8	11	3	8-136	17
Royston B	17	5	12	2	5-270	15

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn B	17	13	4	4	4-133	37
Llanymynech A	17	10	7	3	7-361	21
Cynwyd A	17	12	5	2	5-350	19
Cynwyd B	16	11	5	2	5-252	18
Whittington A	17	10	6	1	4-47	17
Y O Croft	17	7	10	0	7-277	17
Llanymynech B	16	8	8	2	6-46	16
Church Club B	17	5	12	3	5-123	14
Llanymynech C	17	7	10	2	6-20	13
Overton B	17	1	16	0	1-169	11

Flowfit Premier Bowls

PWGW Agg Pts

Newport	24	20	9	10	15230
Castleside	24	17	10	7	4478
Market Brace	24	16	10	8	3349
Sir Bovsky	23	16	11	6	3294
Wrec Wood	24	13	14	24	2170
Burway	24	13	12	2	21168
St Georges	23	11	15	2	248167
Chester Road	23	13	14	0	209-209
Boving	24	13	14	3	34-55
Hatton USC	24	11	12	1	291-152
Wrock Wood	24	10	12	2	290-149
Wrock Wood	23	11	12	1	211-109
Arch Wton	24	5	14	6	514-563
Bylet	24	4	9	4	96-93

Ifton slide to defeat

IFTON'S modest campaign in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League continued after slumping 12-2 with 62 shots at Wrockwardine Wood.

Defeat keeps the St Martins side third from bottom, but they are well clear of the two basement sides, with three games remaining.

Brian Hayes took Ifton's most valuable player honour with a 21-20 success, while Leighton Roberts was the other winner with a 21-13 card, while Jeff Cooper lost to 19 and Dicky Jones to 18.

They now face a home clash with basement side Bylet on Friday night, looking for a good haul of points as they bid to enhance their lowly league position.</

Monty face nervy end to season over drop

MONTGOMERY are still flirting with relegation danger in the Shropshire Cricket League division one after slipping to a six-wicket home defeat to Market Drayton.

Despite the reverse, Monty are still six points clear of the drop zone after base-rival Welshpool also lost, but still have work to be done in their last two games, with a trip to Shrewsbury on Saturday.

Put in to bat last weekend, they were bowled out for 143 in the 50th over, opening bat Tim Davies hitting 34 while Aaron Ruff-cock top scored on 39, and 40 extras also helped to boost the total.

Drayton's batting, however, was up to the task, with John Upton hitting 60 at three and James Coggins an undefeated 49 to take their side to target with time to spare in the 26th over. James Corfield claimed two victims.

MONTGOMERY II were downed by six wickets against Market Drayton II in the reserve division two to remain just above the basement pack.

Batting first, they struggled to 113 all out against Mark Savill's 6-20, but they were helped by John Barker's 35, Ian Fletcher weighing in with 20 and Patrick Wilding 21.

Drayton found that total well within their range, Jack Allman seeing them home with 54 while David Jones took 3-21.

GUILDFIELD eased their basement concerns in division after notching a 44-run victory over WHITTINGTON at the Community Centre.

Put in to bat, they made a disastrous start with the first three batsmen all dismissed for ducks by Martin Ellis (5-21), but were rescued by Andy Pugh's 64.

Hugh Curteis (22), Gary Griffiths (20) and Malcolm Graham (21no) also chipped in with useful contributions as they recovered to 159-8 in 40 overs.

Whittington, who only had 10 players, started well in response through Nick Remon (28) and wicket-keeper George Austin (31).

But once the openers were removed, they were sent back for 115, with their only other score of note coming from Gary Davies (33). Curteis finished with 4-29 and David Harris 3-35.

Last pair have Glas frustrated

CAE Glas were left frustrated following a disappointing losing draw at lowly Corvedale in the Shropshire Cricket League division two.

Winning the toss seemed crucial as Glas bowled first and saw wickets fall at regular intervals despite a few dropped catches.

Corvedale were hanging on at 91-9 but a last-wicket partnership of 46 hoisted the hosts to 137 all out in the 40th over, with skipper Keith Yapp (4-21) and Ruch Nimantha (3-25) the pick of the bowlers.

The Glas reply began brightly with Stuart Eyres making 23 and Gareth Edgerton 63 not out but none of the middle order could stay long enough to cement an innings of note as Glas settled for a draw, closing on 124-8.

Whitewash seals the title for Ellesmere A

HIGH-RIDING Ellesmere A wrapped up the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three title in fine style courtesy of a 10-0 whitewash of Chirk B.

The emphatic victory on home soil, by 75 shots (168-93), gave the Meresiders an unassailable lead at the top as they earned their place in the second division next season.

Ian Metcalfe, with his 15th win of the season, and Sybil Metcalfe led the way, both securing 21-6 victories.

Ellesmere B's side boosted their hopes of joining them in second placed with an 8-2 (160-160) verdict at Royston A, John Harrison continuing his fine campaign by winning to eight, his 17th success of the season keeping him second in the division three averages. Ray Batha also won 21-9.

But WHITTINGTON B are just one point behind in third spot after their comfortable 8-2 (154-94) home success against WESTON RHYN C.

Three single figure wins helped set up the emphatic victory, Peter Williams taking the coppers 21-3 while Andy Cawthray also won 21-9. Brian Sinker also recorded a 21-9 card, his 17th win, to keep himself top of the averages.

They may be at the foot of the table, but CHURCH C gave themselves some cheer with a welcome 6-4 (138-133) home verdict against Johnstown D, Sheila Drury taking the coppers to nine while Phil James was a 21-10 winner.

Bottom club WESTON RHYN B gave themselves a fighting chance of escaping the drop in division four with a 7-3 (30

shots) home success over LLANYFYLLIN A, with Margaret White (21-10) leading the way.

FOX LANE cemented third spot courtesy of an 8-2 (157-102) home win against Corwen B, Dave Jones and Mike Flanagan leading the charge to five while Joan Roberts won a 21-9 winner.

■ BLACK LION kept alive their slim hopes of escaping the drop from division two after pulling off a timely 8-2 victory at fellow strugglers Johnstown C, taking the shots by just six (151-145).

It was nip and tuck throughout in a series of tight games, with Mark Jones, Mike Jones and Chris Lloyd all winning 21-16, but the Lion still need an emphatic win in their last match, and hope that results elsewhere go in their favour.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Worfield	20	16	0	2	2	292	151
Royston A	20	13	3	2	2	2367	151
Chirk B	20	11	1	3	5	312	151
Ludlow & SS	20	10	6	2	6	2312	151
St Georges	20	7	6	4	3	3279	151
Bornes Heath	20	9	1	6	4	2426	151
Frankton	20	4	5	9	2	192	151
Wroxeter Grove	20	4	3	8	5	3173	151
Albrighton	20	3	0	13	4	4136	151
Newtown	20	2	2	12	4	4134	151
Alliscott	20	2	1	13	4	4115	151

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Madeley	20	14	2	1	3	365	151
Broxley	20	13	1	1	5	3247	151
Shilton	20	10	5	5	1	3003	151
Alberbury	20	10	1	5	4	2428	151
Market Drayton	20	10	4	2	4	4252	151
Knockin & Kinn	20	4	2	10	9	4197	151
Lilleshall	20	5	2	9	4	2196	151
Pontesbury	20	5	4	9	4	4186	151
Forton	20	4	3	9	4	3155	151
Montgomery	20	4	2	9	5	3151	151
Welsopool	20	3	5	9	3	3155	151
Much Wenlock	20	1	0	12	7	4141	151

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Tibberton	20	10	4	2	4	4338	151
Beacon	20	10	3	4	3	3309	151
Condover	20	10	5	3	3	2302	151
Wiley	20	7	5	4	4	2426	151
Wellington	20	8	3	5	4	2451	151
Ellesmere	20	7	3	8	2	2226	151
Shrewsbury	20	5	4	7	4	2222	151
Cae Glas	20	6	6	4	4	2407	151
Bishops Castle	20	4	4	6	4	2185	151
Iscoyd & FB	20	3	4	10	3	3181	151
Corvedale	20	2	1	13	4	4136	151
Shifnal	20	2	6	9	3	3135	151

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Church Stretton	20	10	5	2	3	3304	151
Pres	20	8	7	0	5	3200	151
Wheaton Aston	20	7	6	2	5	2626	151
Oswestry	20	8	4	5	3	2525	151
Church Aston	20	6	4	6	4	2324	151
Chelmarsh	20	6	3	5	6	2222	151
Llanidloes	20	4	4	6	6	1919	151
Wroxeter Grove	20	6	2	8	4	4183	151
Calverhall	20	3	5	10	2	2171	151
Newport	20	4	2	12	2	2169	151
St Georges	20	3	5	6	6	1666	151
Acton Reynald	20	1	7	6	6	1656	151

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Harriers	20	9	5	4	4	3320	151
Overtton-on-Dee	20	9	6	1	4	4309	151
Ludlow & SS	20	9	3	6	2	3601	151
Trysull & S'don	20	9	5	4	2	2293	151
Harcourt	20	9	2	6	3	2359	151
Hodnet & P'low	20	6	1	9	4	2416	151
Whittington	20	5	3	7	2	2021	151
Hinstock	20	4	7	4	5	1914	151
Gulstock	20	5	2	9	4	2173	151
Coton Hall	20	4	1	9	6	1618	151
Bridgnorth	20	2	5	7	6	1514	151
Quayside	20	2	3	11	4	3143	151

Division 4A

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Wellington	20	10	5	4	4	3346	151
Worfield	20	8	4	5	3	3309	151
Alberbury	20	9	1	6	4	2828	151
Whitchurch	20	10	0	8	2	2279	151
Bornes Heath	20	9	3	5	3	2367	151
Cound	20	7	2	7	4	2423	151
Roman Services	20	6	6	7	2	1230	151
Frankton	20	7	2	9	2	2209	151
Wem	20	4	4	5	4	3204	151
Madeley	20	5	2	11	2	2196	151
Knockin & Kinn	20	5	2	10	3	2195	151
Welsopool	20	5	6	5	4	2184	151

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	C	A	P
Wroxeter Grove	18	13	2	1	2	2293	151
Quatt	17	8	3	2	4	2123	151
Wellington	17	6	7	0	4	1815	151
St Georges	20	9	6	1	4	2220	151
Beacon	20	6	2	12	0	2242	151
Welsopool	20	7	3	4	3	2323	151
Pontesbury	17	4	8	3	2	1737	151
Lilleshall	17	3	10	1	2	3157	151
Llanidloes	17	4	8	1	4	2146	151
Corvedale	19	4	9	2	4	2145	151
Acton Reynald	17	4	9	0	4	2101	151
Shrewsbury	16	2	10	3	1	85	151

Reserve Division 1

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Roman Services	20	13	3	2	1	3362	151
Ludlow & SS	20	7	4	7	2	2283	151
St Georges	20	6	4	5	2828	151	
Frankton	20	10	1	5	4	2821	151
Wem	20	7	2	9	3	2321	151
Madeley	20	5	2	11	2	2196	151
Knockin & Kinn	20	7	2	7	4	2195	151
Alliscott	20	5					

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Welshpool worried as drop fears mounting

ALARM bells are ringing for Welshpool's cricketers who slipped deeper into relegation danger in the Shropshire League division one after suffering a 73-run loss at fellow strugglers Pontesbury.

The potentially damaging defeat leaves Pool languishing in the bottom two, with just two games remaining, the first of which is a must-win encounter at home to already relegated Much Wenlock on Saturday.

It started well enough for the Maesdyre side last weekend, winning the toss and asking the home side to bat, but Pontesbury made a solid start through opener Andy Robinson (50) on the way to 205 all out in 50 overs. Sam Birch took 4-73, Joe Birch 3-53 and Rob Pengelly 2-21.

Despite losing Joe Birch for a single in reply, Welshpool steadied the ship through Paul Chapman (47) and Rhys Williams (27), but the rest of the batting fell away with Pengelly (11) the only other batsman getting into double figures.

A five wicket haul from Stephen Wilson did the damage as the visitors were sent back for 132.

MONTGOMERY, who have edged above Powys rivals Welshpool in the relegation scrap in recent weeks, face a trip to Shrewsbury. They remain just six points above the drop zone following last week's six wicket home defeat to Market Drayton.

Champions hammered in last game

WHITTINGTON A signed off their campaign in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one in style with an 8-2 (148-110) thrashing of champions Johnstone A.

Julian Turner led the charge with a 21-6 win to help secure a fourth place finish, while Ben Hampson won to seven. Skipper Aled Davies (21-8) and dad Mervyn Davies won 21-9.

Relegated LLANFYNNENCH A succumbed 7-3 (136-115) in their final fixture to runners-up Ruabon A, despite single figure hands from Henry Pugh and Tony Jones.

GEORGE bowler John Hughes finished top of the division two averages after making it 21 wins out of 22 in his side's 8-2 (152-129) victory at CHURCH B.

Llanfair are up for cup Cricketers to sharpen up

LLANFAIR United will hope for a repeat of last season's Welsh Cup exploits when they embark on the second qualifying round at home to Knighton Town on Saturday.

The Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders embarked on a terrific cup run last term, beating Cymru Alliance neighbours Gwilifield 2-1 before going out to Welsh Premier side Aberystwyth in the third round.

Llanfair will fancy their chances of progressing to the first round proper against a Knighton side who have made a modest start in division two. But boss Rhys Stephens will be taking nothing for granted despite an unbeaten start to the campaign.

"To have a run like that in the Welsh Cup is the dream, it's big money for a club

like ours, but we won't be underestimating Knighton," he said. "Last season, the Welsh Cup was fantastic for us."

Llanfair go into the game in good fettle, although their winning run was halted by last Saturday's 4-4 draw at home to Waterloo Rovers. Stephens was unhappy over a red-card for Dan Jones when his side were leading 4-3.

"I don't want to take anything away from Waterloo, they probably deserved a draw, but I was disappointed with sending off, and it left a sour taste," he added.

Welsh Cup ties dominate the scene on Saturday, with Welshpool Town heading to lowly Tywyn Bryncrug while unbeaten Warrington Rovers are away to Bow Street.

SKIPPER Mark Robinson knows Oswestry's cricketers cannot afford to rest on their laurels after securing their status in the Birmingham League division one for another season.

A crucial 26-run victory at Shifnal, who themselves were relegated, guaranteed safety for the Morda Road men who will look to end in style when they host champions Ombersley in their last game on Saturday (12noon).

Robinson was naturally delighted to have staved off the threat of relegation, but knows his side need to up their game next season, particularly with the bat after only one of the top order passed 400 runs.

"This league was a huge step up, it's a

tough division and most weeks we've come up against against current First Class players, and often Test stars," he said.

"We know we need to smarten up next season, and our batsmen need to score more runs. We know where we need to strengthen, but we've got the basis of a very good side, and we must learn from this."

Saturday will mark the last game for opening bowler Paul Robinson, who has announced his retirement for a second time.

Oswestry were indebted to Warrington Fynn's 81 for posting a useful total of 207-7 in their 50 overs against Shifnal last week, which they defended despite 95 from Pakistani Test player Mohammed Ayub.

Eagles in a flying start to season

OSWESTRY'S rugby players are looking good for the new season after 24-19 opening day victory against Vagabonds at Granville Park.

It was a perfect start to the South Lancs and Cheshire Two for the Eagles against their Isle of Man visitors who won both league meetings between the sides last season.

Team manager Martin Ord was delighted with the performance, with four young debuts taking their chance in the absence of several first teamers.

"Vagabonds beat us home and away last season, they just missed out of promotion and are one of the strongest sides in the league," he said. "They came here looking to win again, so it was a tremendous performance from us, particularly with nine senior players missing."

After going behind to an unconverted try within two minutes, Oswestry hit back with newcomer Jamie Anderson, playing at fullback, scoring a well constructed try, converted by Louis McKenzie.

The Eagles pack starting to dominate with fine play from Jamie Luckett, Jamie Ellis and stalwart captain Andy Smith but went behind again when Vagabonds scored a converted try out of the blue.

Stung into action, the home backs, led by Andrew Merrett, put together some lovely moves, one of which saw Luckett score a second try, with McKenzie converting. Luca Owen-Younes then added a penalty for a 17-12 interval lead.

The game swung either way after the interval, but the Eagles bagged a decisive third try when captain Smith burst through with Luca Owen-Younes converting.

Two yellow cards reduced Oswestry to 13 men but, despite the visitors grabbing a converted try, they held out for a fantastic win that will put them in good heart for Saturday's trip to Duckinfield.

FLYING SAINTS TO KEEP THEIR FOCUS

COACH Carl Darlington has been delighted by "the best start for years" as The New Saints look to maintain their early charge in the Welsh Premier at home to Port Talbot on Saturday.

After scoring 11 goals in their last two league games, the Saints are flying high – but Darlington admits it's vital to maintain the impetus against the Steelmen who have struggled in their previous visits to Park Hall.

by John Bridgewater

"This is the best start in the four years since I've been with the club," he said. "In the past we have lost the odd game in the first four or five, and play catch up, but this season we have dropped just two points, and it's nice to be where we are."

"Competition is high, with players playing for their positions, and hopefully it will breed consistency. There's players on the bench you'd expect to play."

"But it's early days, a lot of teams are just behind us, so we are taking nothing for granted."

Focus

The form guide would point to another home win with Port Talbot having lost 12 of their 14 previous league visits to TNS, while drawing the other two.

In that time, the Steelmen have also suffered some hefty defeats, losing 6-0 last season, and 5-0 in the previous two, but did win at Park Hall in the Welsh Cup on penalties four years ago.

And Darlington warned the visitors cannot be underestimated, adding: "Jarred Harvey has taken over as manager, he's brought in some good signings and got them organised and well equipped – they're a good team this year."

night after the sides drew 2-2 last Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Saints are holding a Community Play Day at Park Hall before Saturday's game, starting from 12noon.

■ Favourites TNS have been drawn at home to giant killing Penybont in the quarter-finals of the Word Cup later this month.

Penybont shocked holders Carmarthen Town 3-2 in the previous round, so the Saints will be wary despite being fancied to progress on their own pitch.

Port Talbot Town will face whoever emerges from two re-arranged ties which featured Barry Town United and Merthyr Town in round one, with the winners of that tie to meet Cambrian & Clydach.

Elsewhere, there is a tasty clash between Prestatyn Town and Bangor City at Bastion Gardens while Bala Town will host the winners of the abandoned tie between Llandudno and Rhyl, which has been re-arranged this week after the first game was postponed due to floodlights failure. The quarter-finals are scheduled for September 23 and 24.

Dallow flies flag in New Zealand



Oswestry Olympian Leon Dallow during the 10km race in New Zealand

INTREPID Oswestry Olympian, Leon Dallow, took time out from his holiday in New Zealand to take part in the tough Waharau Regional Park 10k Trail challenge.

Flying the flag for GB and the Olympians Leon finished a very creditable 18th out of 224 finishers in a tough race that involves 450 metres of climbing.



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